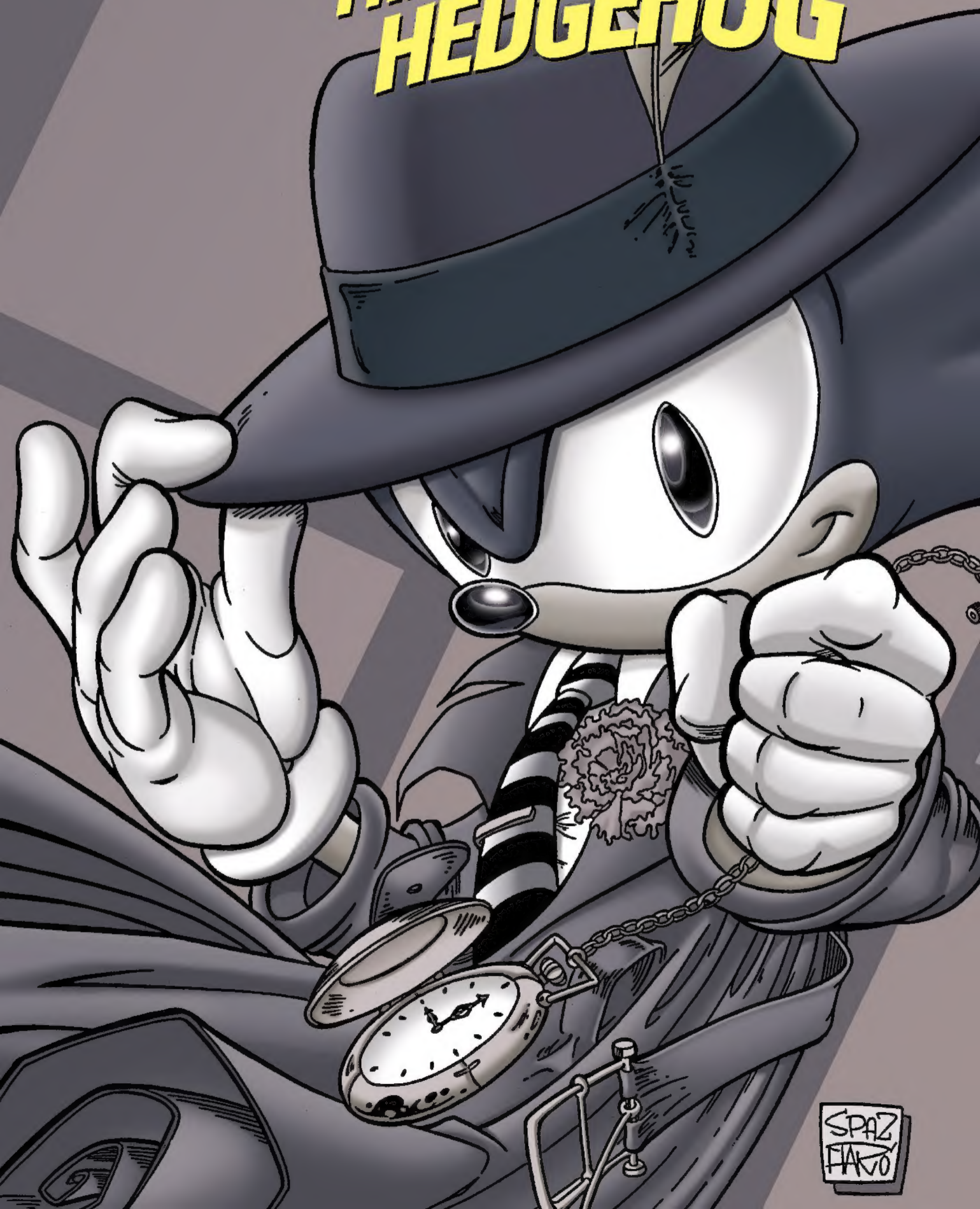


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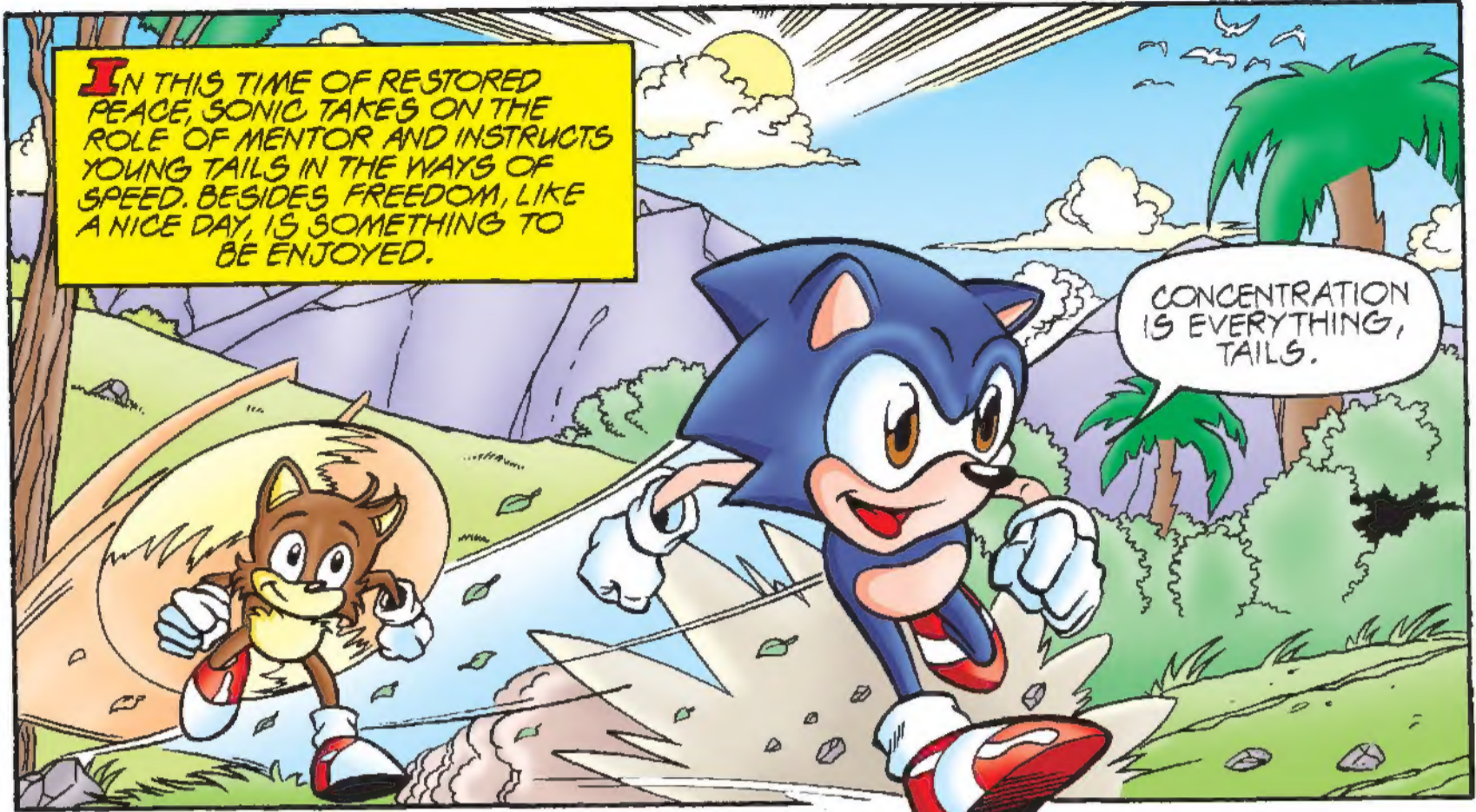
The planet **Mobius** was like a paradise...
until the evil **Doctor Robotnik** and his mechanical
legions conquered the land and its people,
using his knowledge of **technology and pollution**.
But many **young, courageous citizens**
banded together as a brave group of
Freedom Fighters!

They struggle to overthrow the dictator and,
one day, regain what was once theirs.

Among them, the greatest of
The freedom fighters is the
fastest and way-coolest dude on two feet...
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

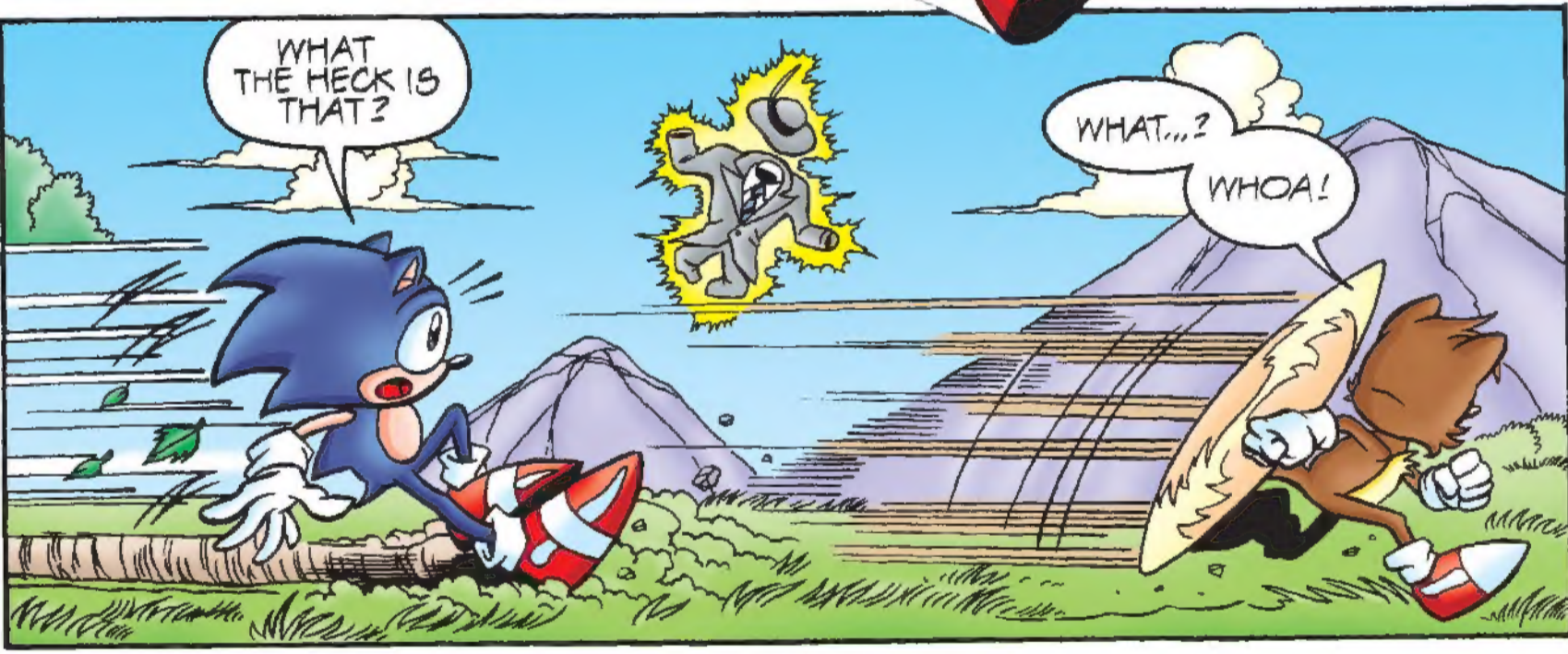
Now that Robotnik has been **defeated**, today
is the first day that a **long-awaited peace** can be
graciously enjoyed. On this fine morning, **Sonic** and
his tutelage, **Tails**, take time to themselves. Together
striving to develop the **talent** Sonic possesses that is
within Tails' reach: **the gift of speed!**

Let's watch...



IN THIS TIME OF RESTORED PEACE, SONIC TAKES ON THE ROLE OF MENTOR AND INSTRUCTS YOUNG TAILS IN THE WAYS OF SPEED. BESIDES FREEDOM, LIKE A NICE DAY, IS SOMETHING TO BE ENJOYED.

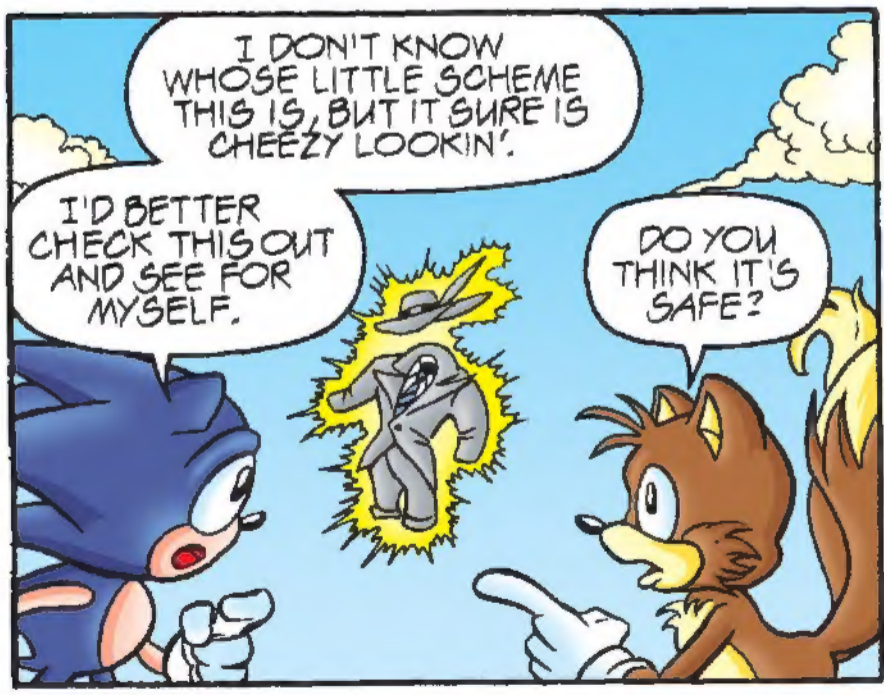
CONCENTRATION IS EVERYTHING, TAILS.



WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

WHAT...?

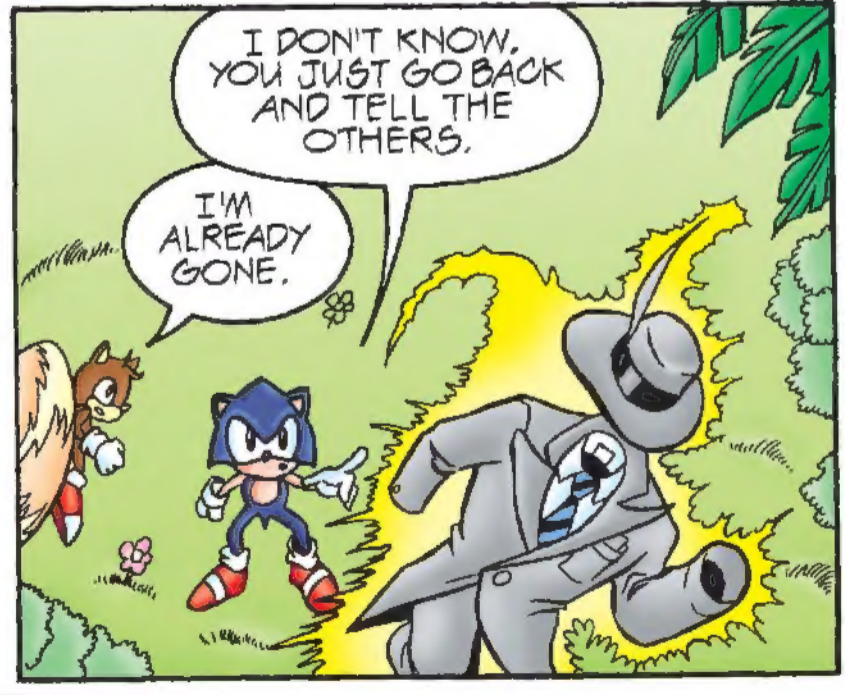
WHOA!



I DON'T KNOW WHOSE LITTLE SCHEME THIS IS, BUT IT SURE IS CHEEZY LOOKIN'!

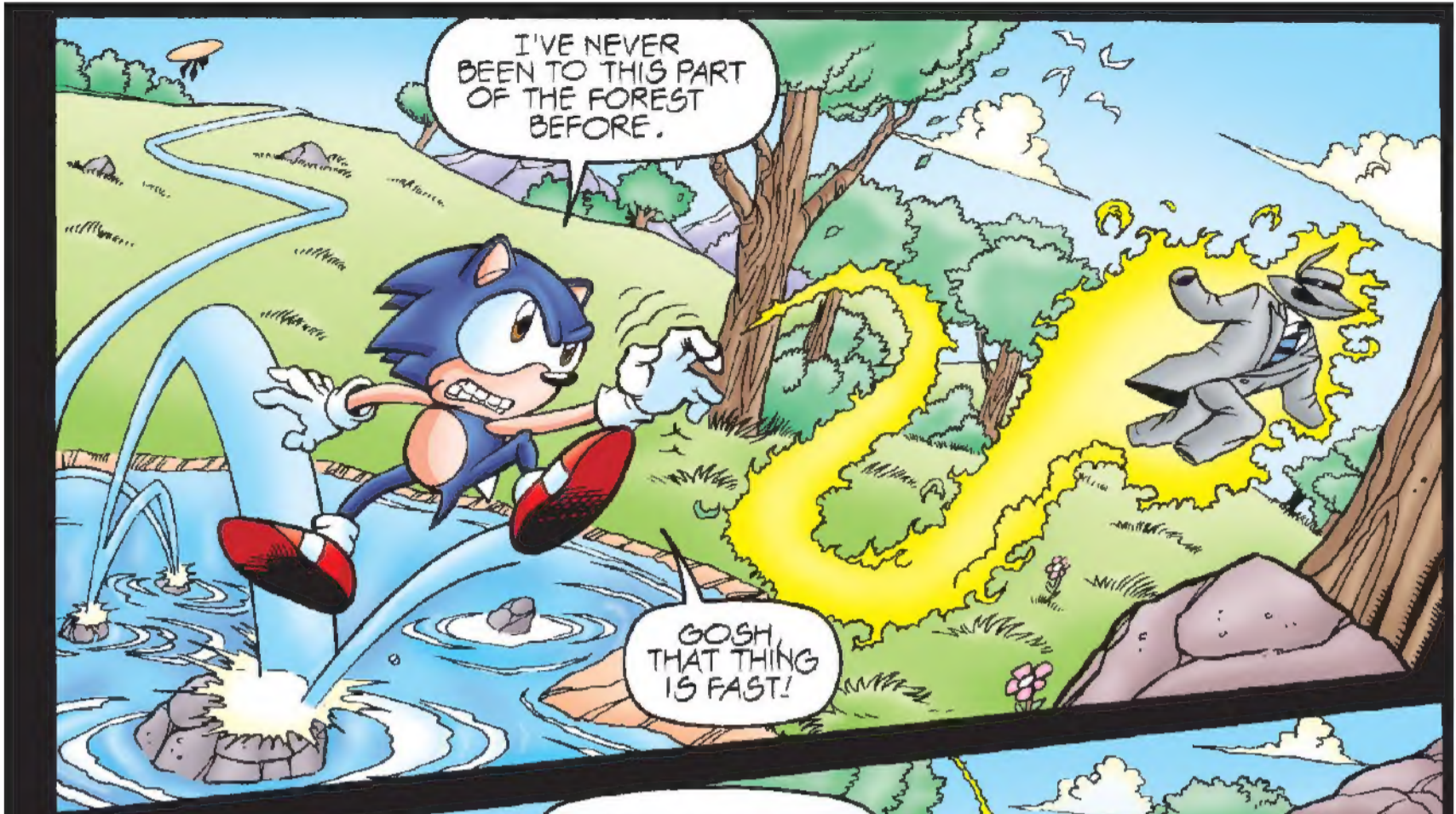
I'D BETTER CHECK THIS OUT AND SEE FOR MYSELF.

DO YOU THINK IT'S SAFE?



I DON'T KNOW, YOU JUST GO BACK AND TELL THE OTHERS.

I'M ALREADY GONE.



I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THIS PART OF THE FOREST BEFORE.

GOSH, THAT THING IS FAST!



IT'S HEADING STRAIGHT INTO THAT CAVE!

I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL. DON'T WANT ANYONE GETTING THE DROP ON ME INSIDE THERE.



HERE GOES NOTHIN'!



WHAOOOO

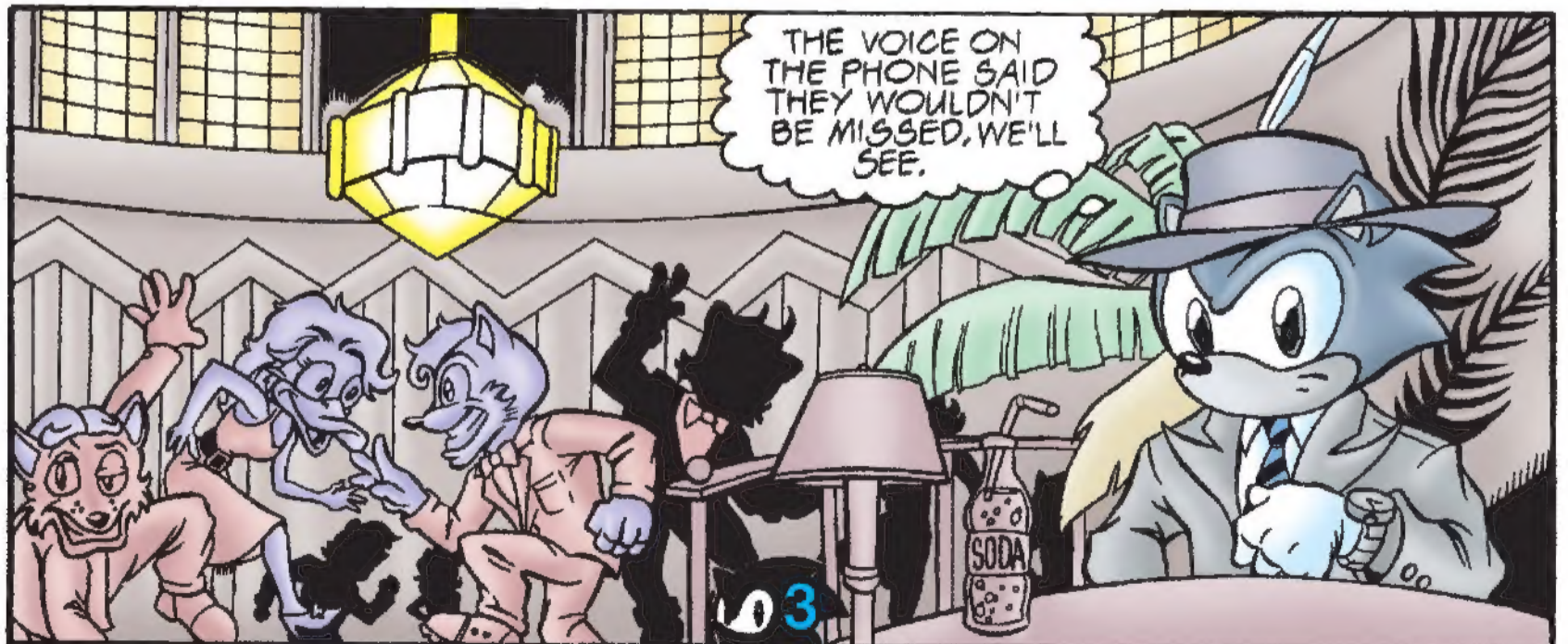
IN ANOTHER TIME,
ANOTHER PLACE...

PEOPLE COME TO THIS CLASSY
ESTABLISHMENT TO DANCE,
AND GET AWAY FROM THE EVIL
DOCTOR AND HIS ROBOTIC ARMY.
THIS IS A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE
PEOPLE OF THIS CITY, FOR THIS IS
ONE PLACE THE DOCTOR'S ALL
SEEING EYES AND LISTENING EARS
ARE NOT.

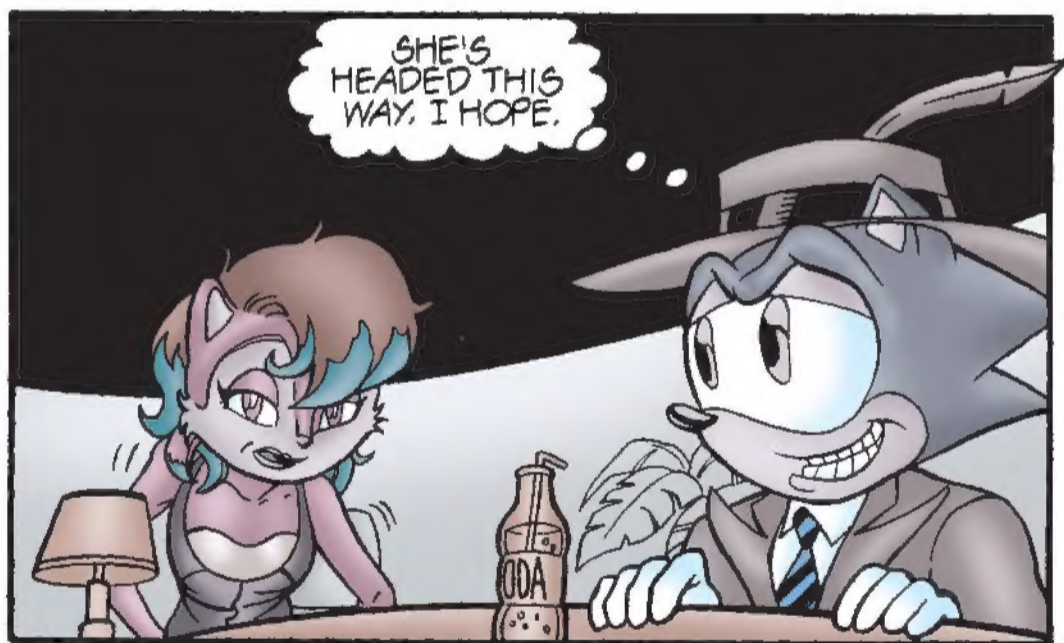
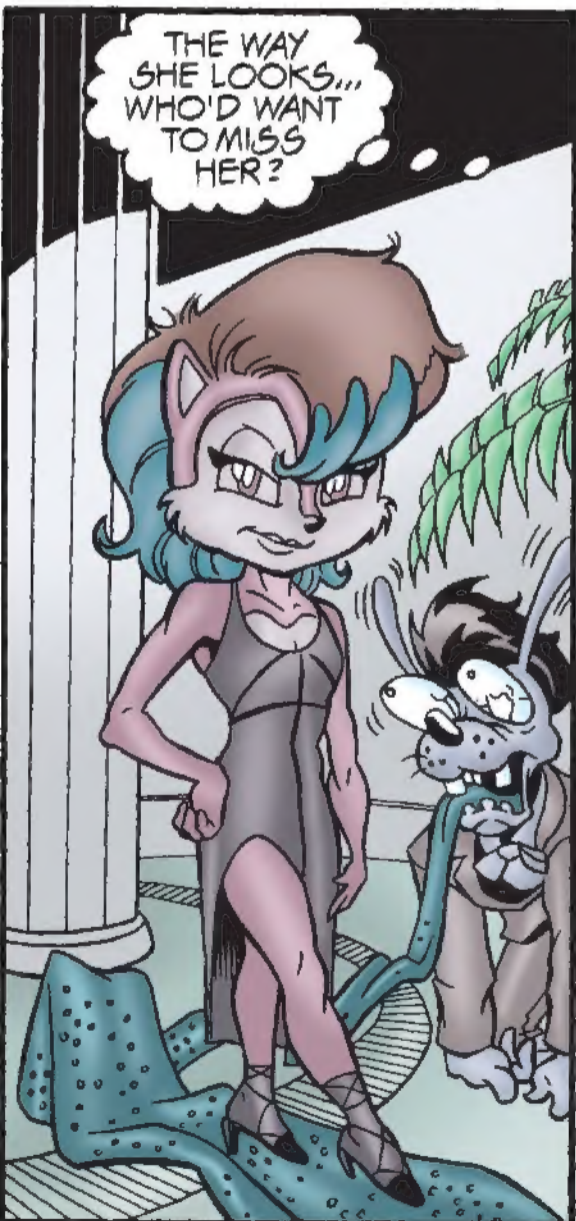
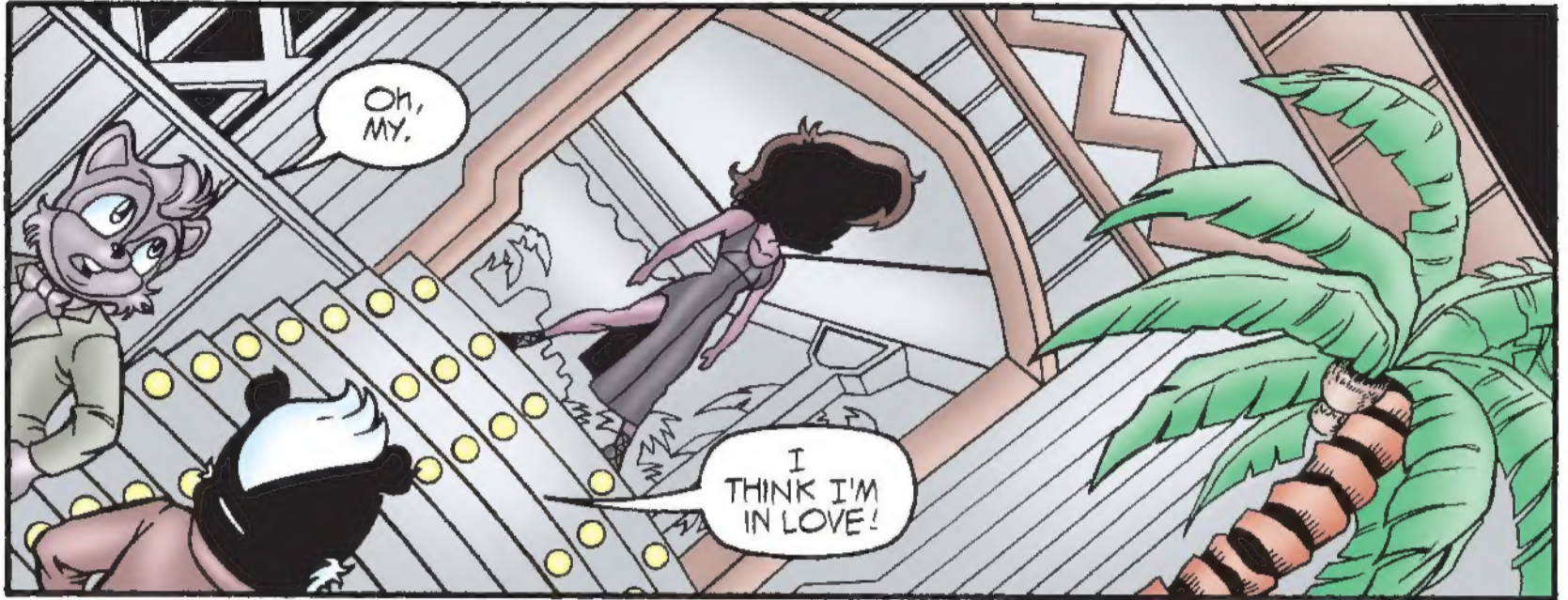
THE DISCOVERY ZONE PART 1

WHARF SIDE
DANCE HALL

NO
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I KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO HAS THE POWER AND INFORMATION TO RID MOBIUS OF THAT HORRIBLE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK FOREVER...

...AND STOP HIM FROM TURNING GOOD PEOPLE INTO ROBOT SLAVES.

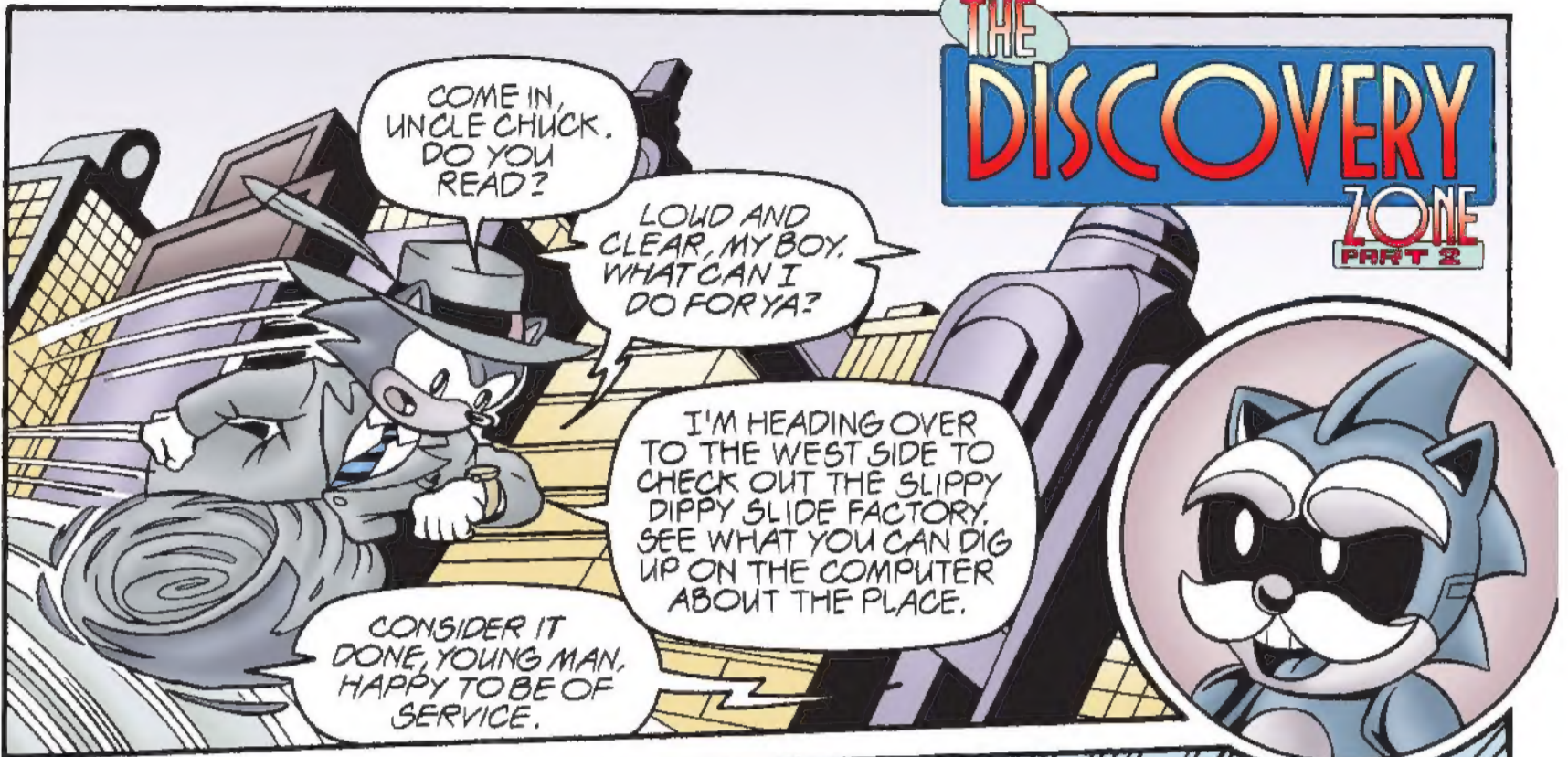
UH, I'M LISTENING, CONTINUE, PLEASE.

ALL SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO DO IS FIND MY FRIEND NICOLE...
...BRING HER BACK TO ME...

...AND COLLECT A NICE, BIG, JUICY REWARD.
YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A MAN!

"SHE WAS LAST SEEN AT THE SLIPPY DIPPY SLIDE FACTORY, ON THE WEST SIDE!"
I'LL HAVE HER BACK IN YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HANDS IN NO TIME!
ZIP!

THE DISCOVERY ZONE PART 2

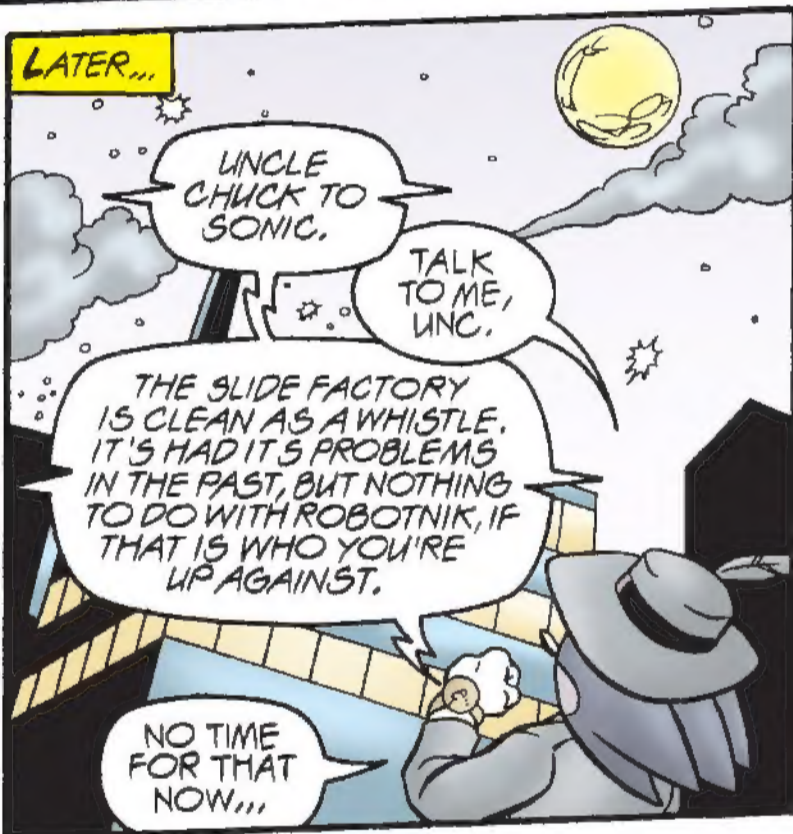
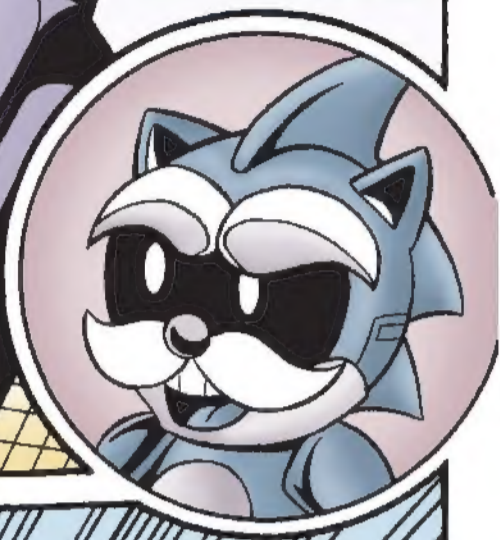


COME IN, UNCLE CHUCK. DO YOU READ?

LOUD AND CLEAR, MY BOY. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YA?

I'M HEADING OVER TO THE WEST SIDE TO CHECK OUT THE SLIPPY DIPPY SLIDE FACTORY. SEE WHAT YOU CAN DIG UP ON THE COMPUTER ABOUT THE PLACE.

CONSIDER IT DONE, YOUNG MAN. HAPPY TO BE OF SERVICE.



LATER...

UNCLE CHUCK TO SONIC.

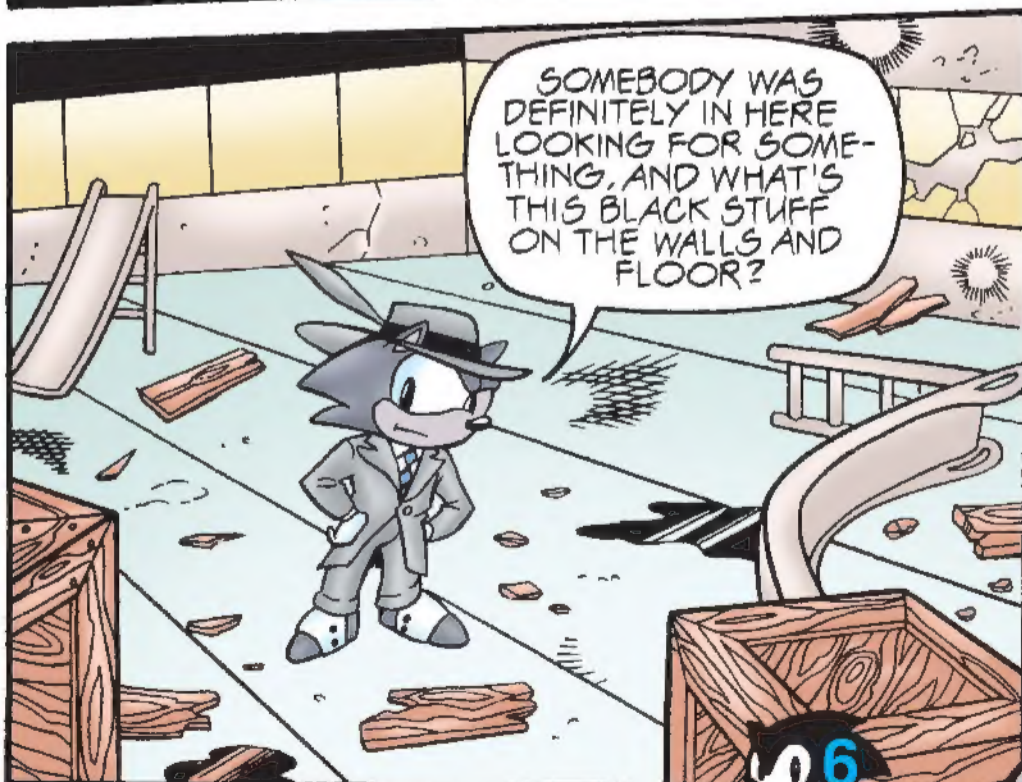
TALK TO ME, UNC.

THE SLIDE FACTORY IS CLEAN AS A WHISTLE. IT'S HAD ITS PROBLEMS IN THE PAST, BUT NOTHING TO DO WITH ROBOTNIK, IF THAT IS WHO YOU'RE UP AGAINST.

NO TIME FOR THAT NOW...



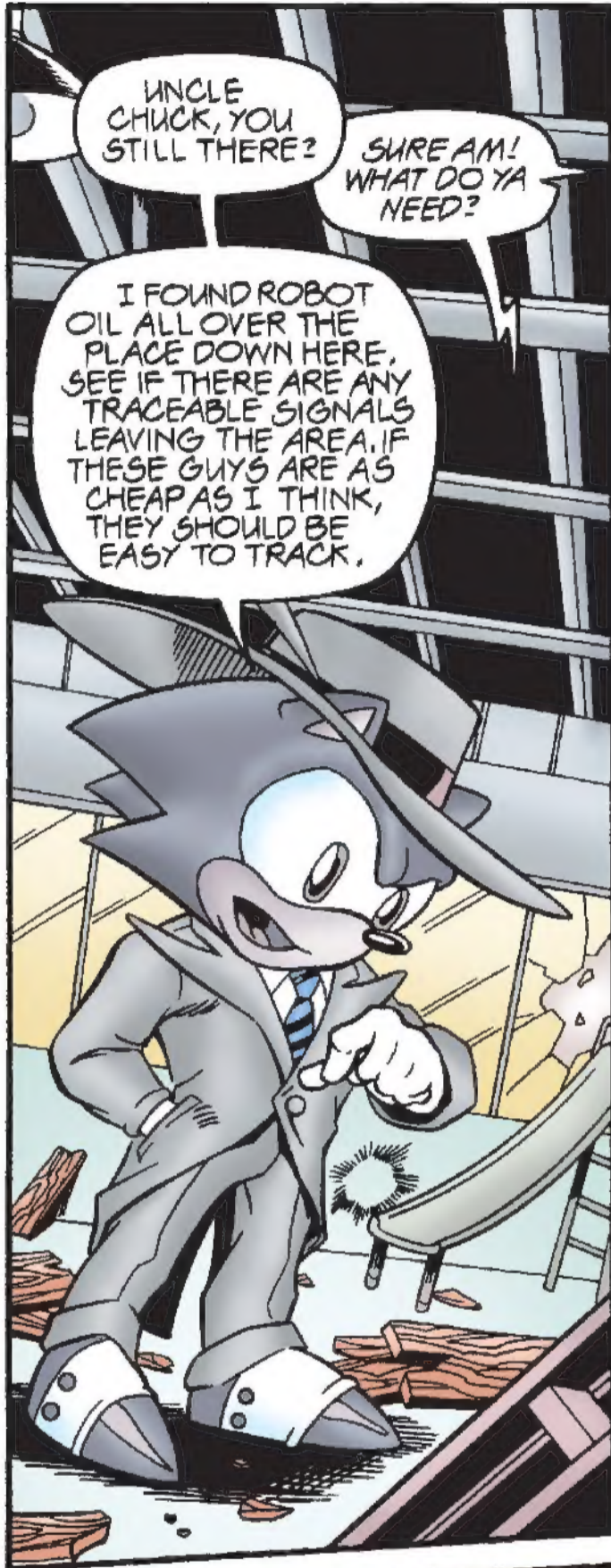
I'M GOING IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK!



SOMEBODY WAS DEFINITELY IN HERE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, AND WHAT'S THIS BLACK STUFF ON THE WALLS AND FLOOR?

YOU DON'T USE THIS TYPE OF OIL IN MAKING SLIDES. THIS IS ROBOT OIL, AND I KNOW THERE'S ONLY ONE FAT MAN WHO WOULD SEND OIL-DRIPPIN' JUNK PILES TO DO HIS DIRTY WORK.

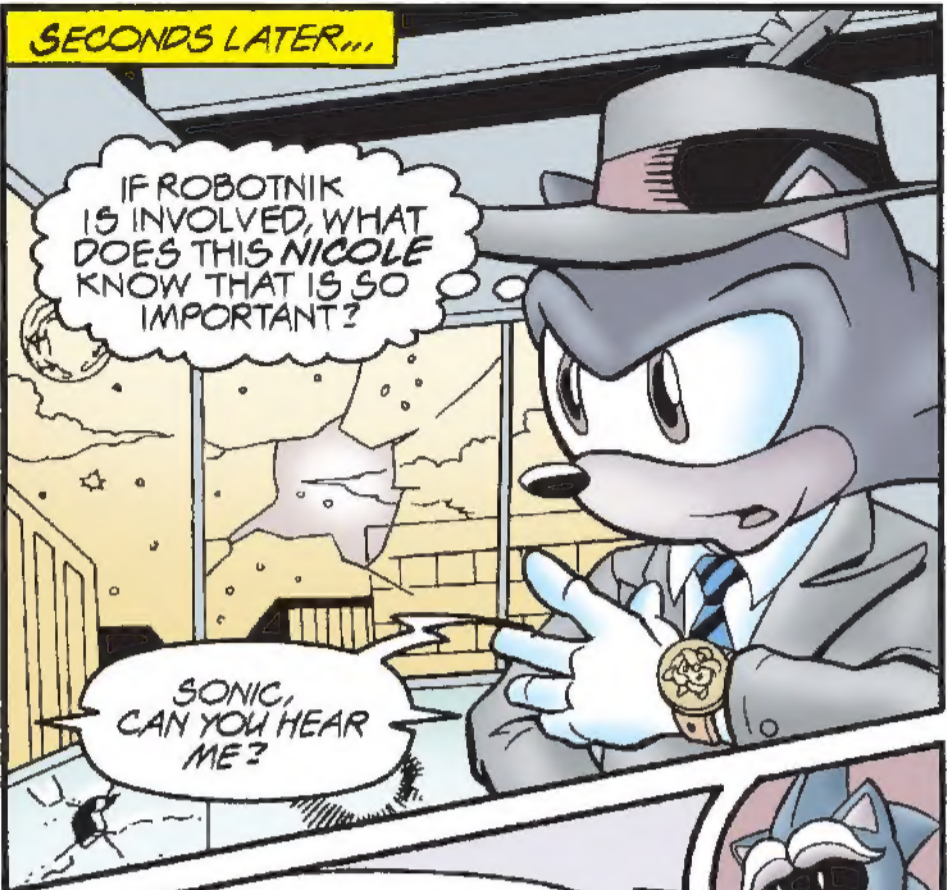




UNCLE CHUCK, YOU STILL THERE?

SURE AM! WHAT DO YA NEED?

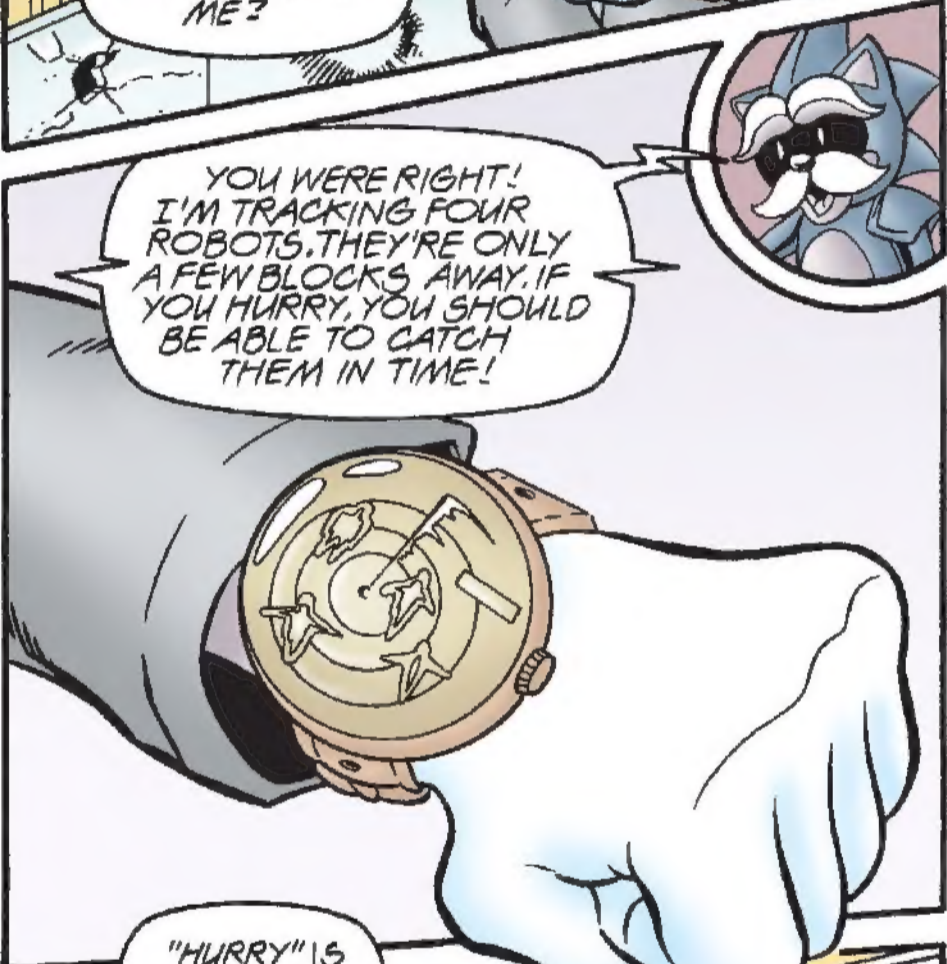
I FOUND ROBOT OIL ALL OVER THE PLACE DOWN HERE. SEE IF THERE ARE ANY TRACEABLE SIGNALS LEAVING THE AREA. IF THESE GUYS ARE AS CHEAP AS I THINK, THEY SHOULD BE EASY TO TRACK.



SECONDS LATER...

IF ROBOTNIK IS INVOLVED, WHAT DOES THIS NICOLE KNOW THAT IS SO IMPORTANT?

SONIC, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

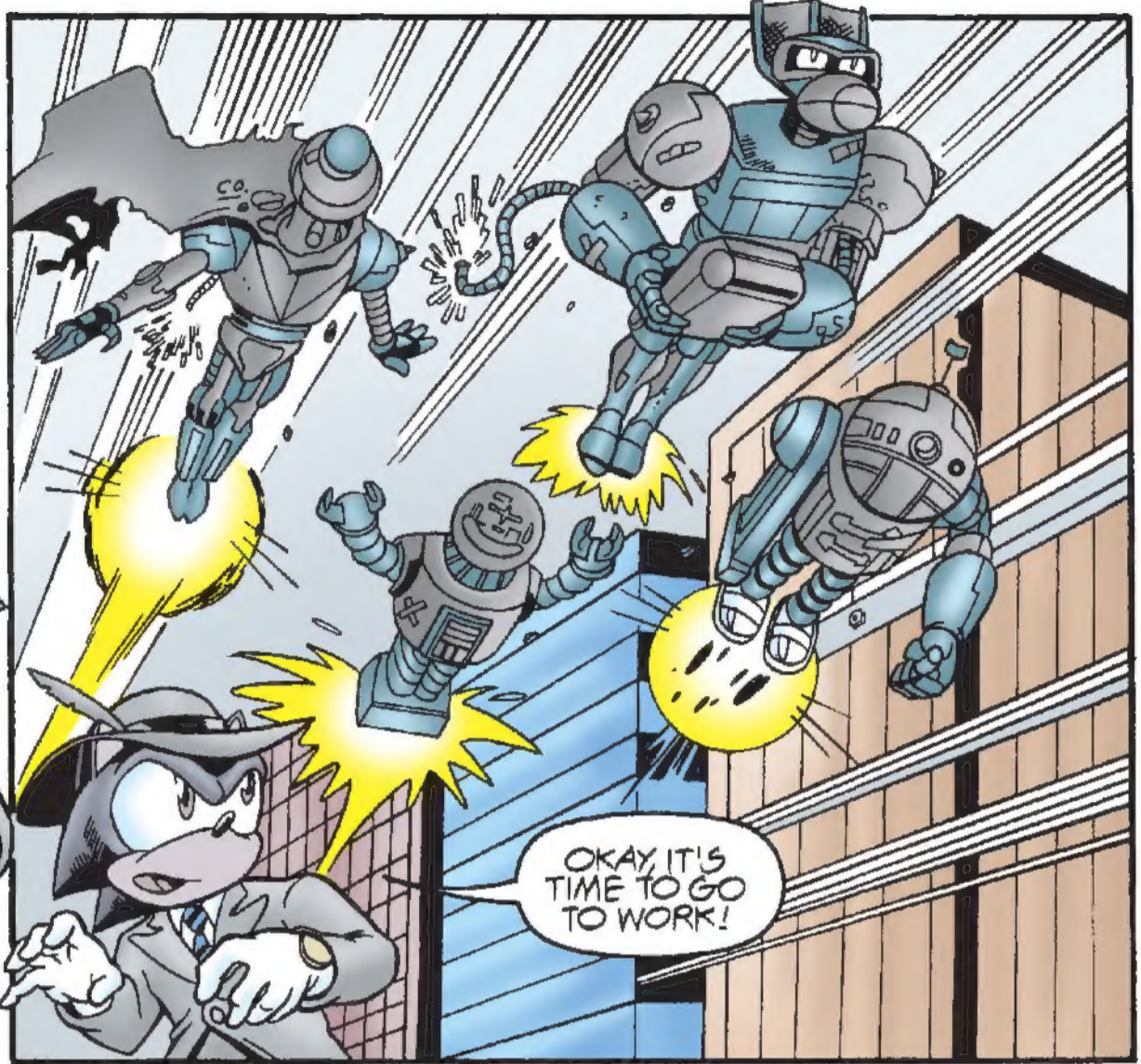


YOU WERE RIGHT! I'M TRACKING FOUR ROBOTS. THEY'RE ONLY A FEW BLOCKS AWAY. IF YOU HURRY, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH THEM IN TIME!

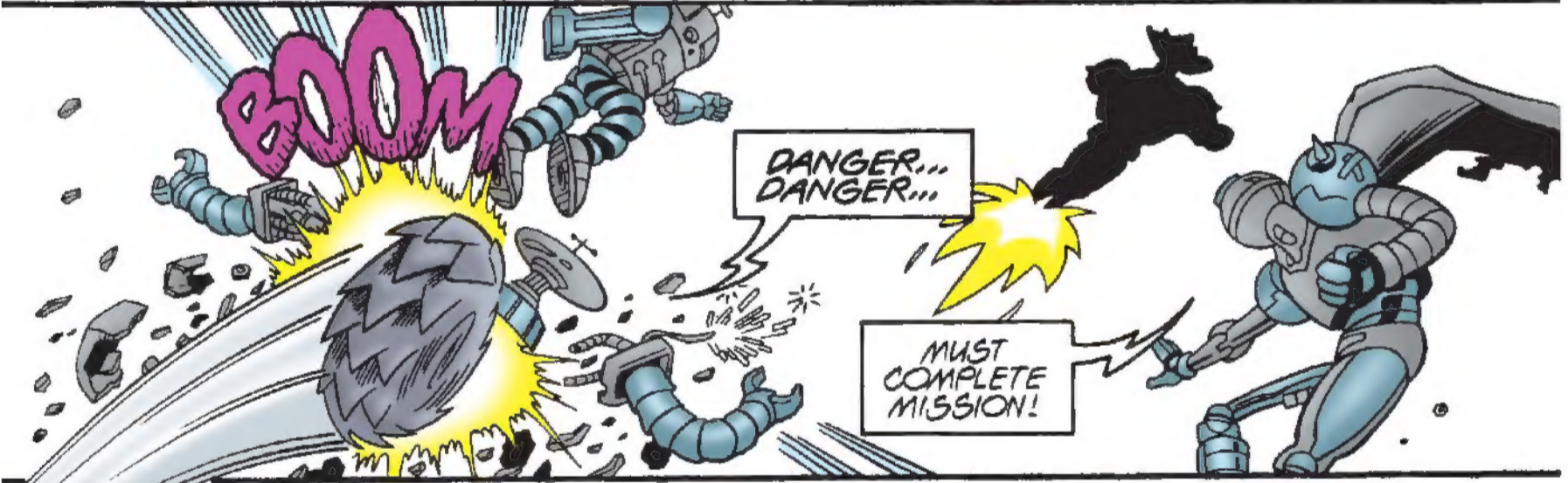


"HURRY" IS MY MIDDLE NAME!

THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE HEART OF THE CITY. GOTTA GET UNDER 'EM FAST BEFORE THEY ENTER ROBOTNIK'S CONTROL RANGE!

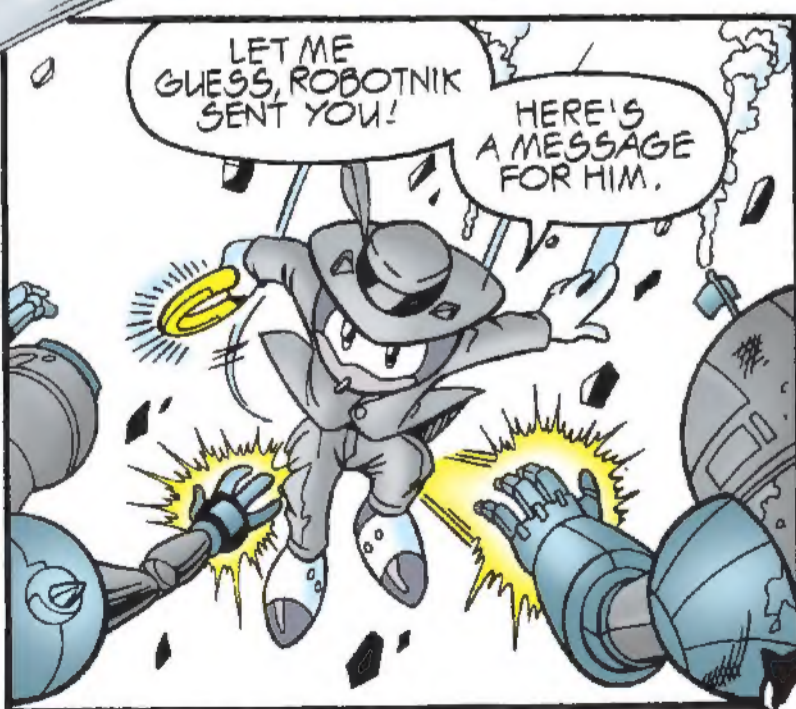


OKAY, IT'S TIME TO GO TO WORK!



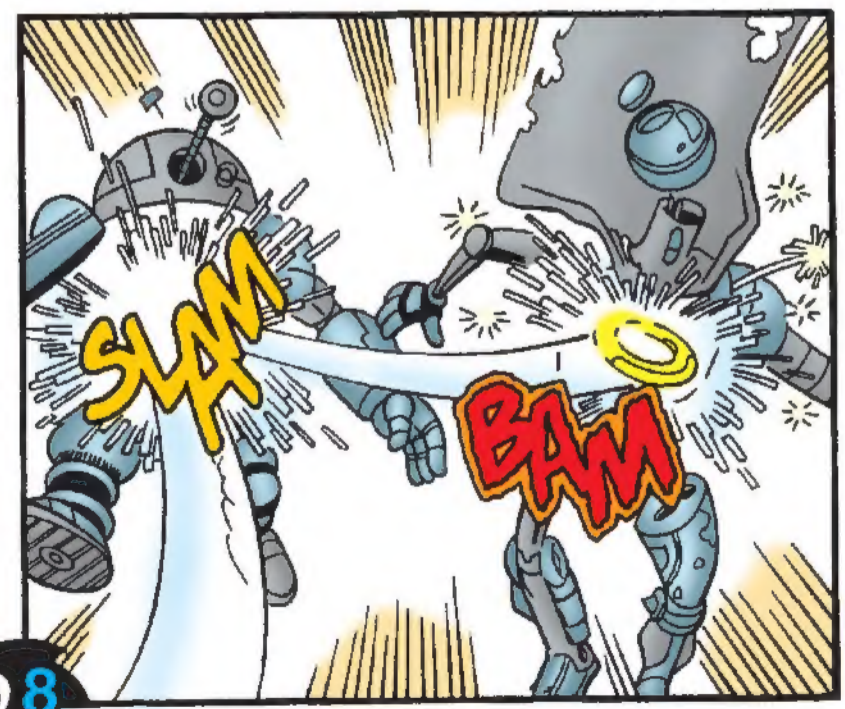
DANGER... DANGER...

MUST COMPLETE MISSION!



LET ME GUESS, ROBOTNIK SENT YOU!

HERE'S A MESSAGE FOR HIM.



SLAM

BAM

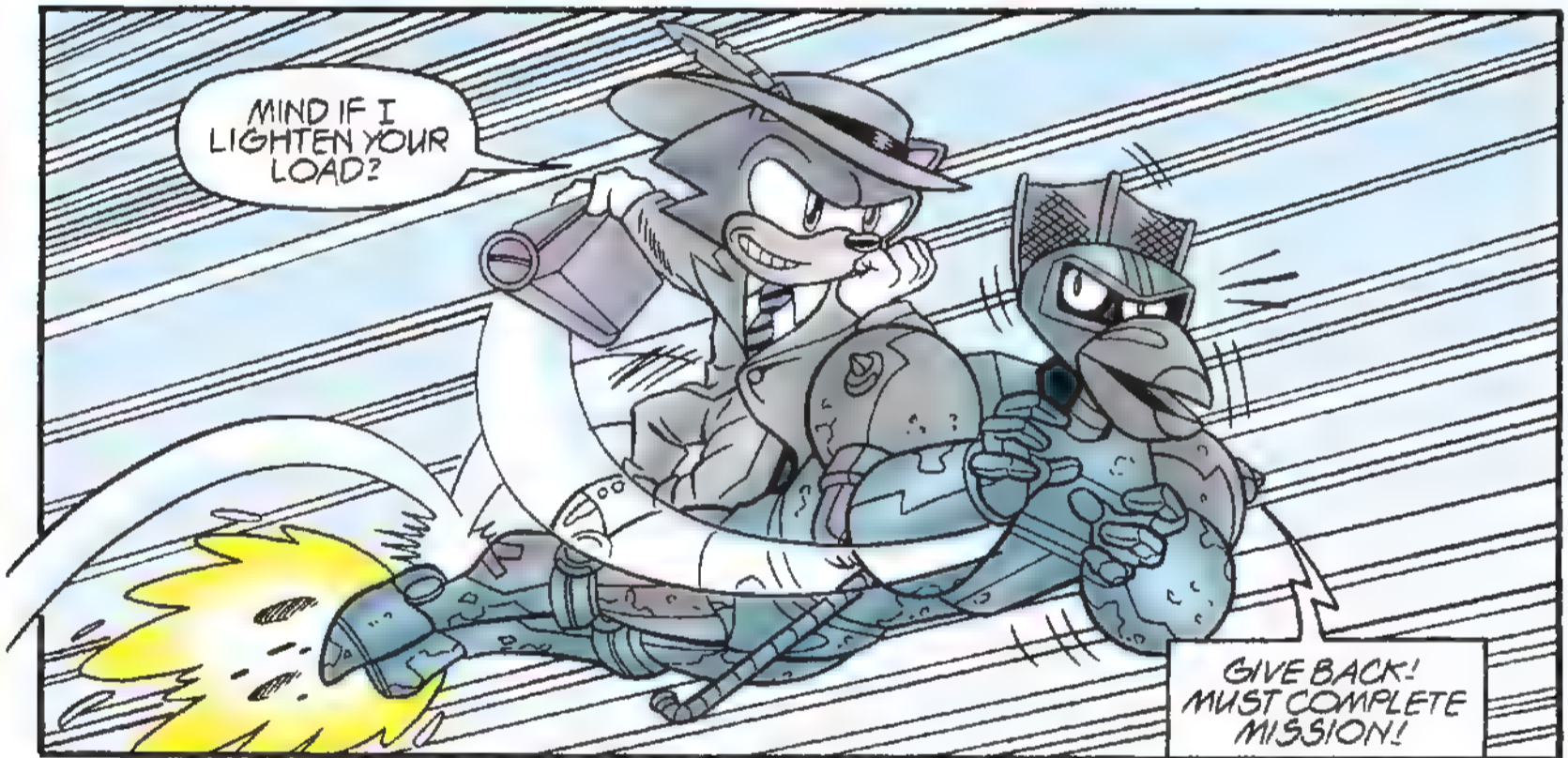


NOW I'LL JUST GO GET YOUR BUDDY...



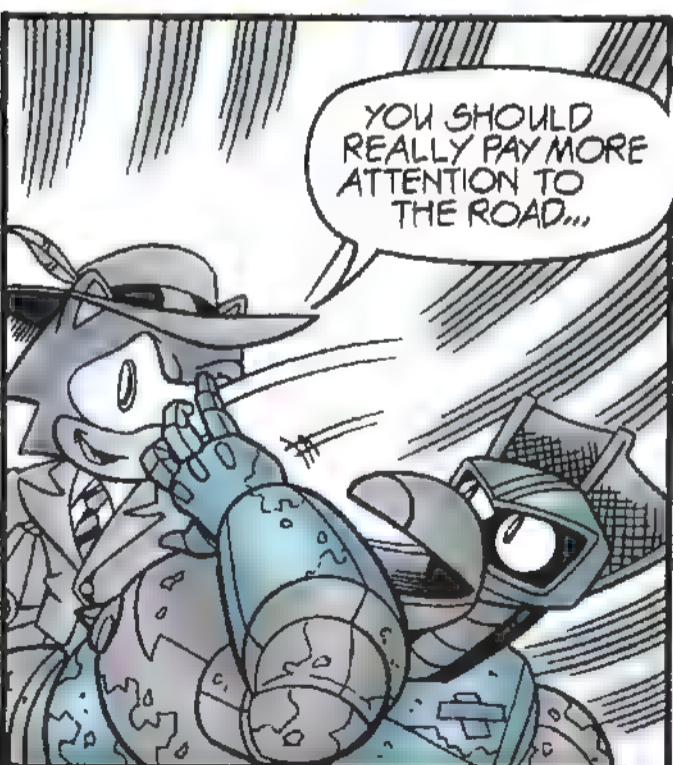
...AND RELIEVE HIM OF HIS BURDENS.

WHATEVER HE'S HOLDING MUST BE A CLUE.

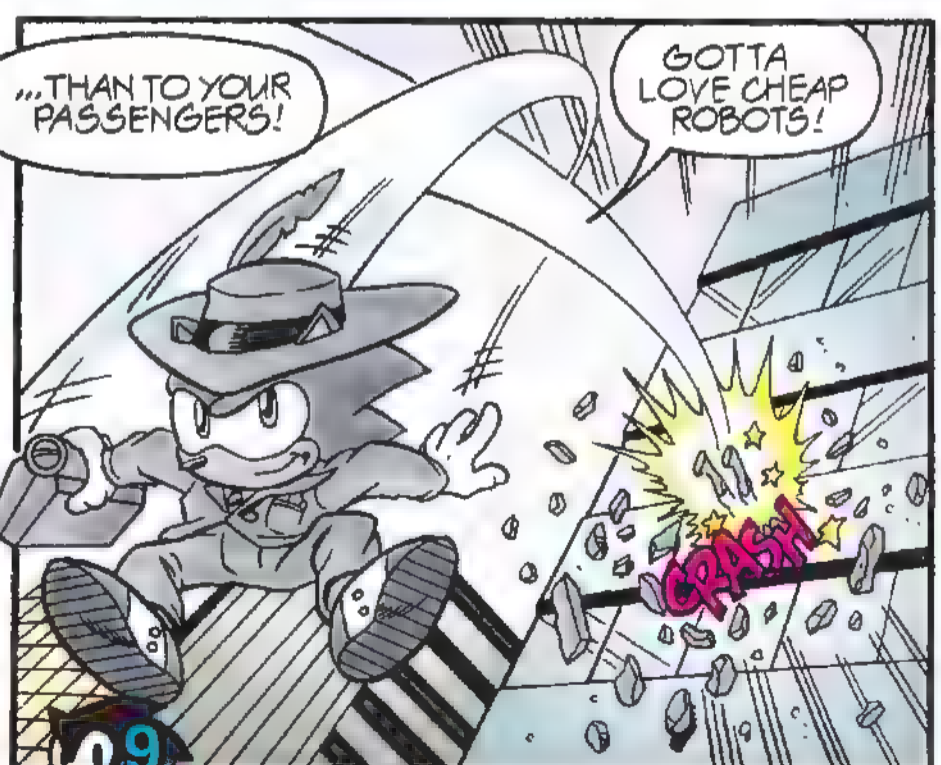


MIND IF I LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD?

GIVE BACK! MUST COMPLETE MISSION!



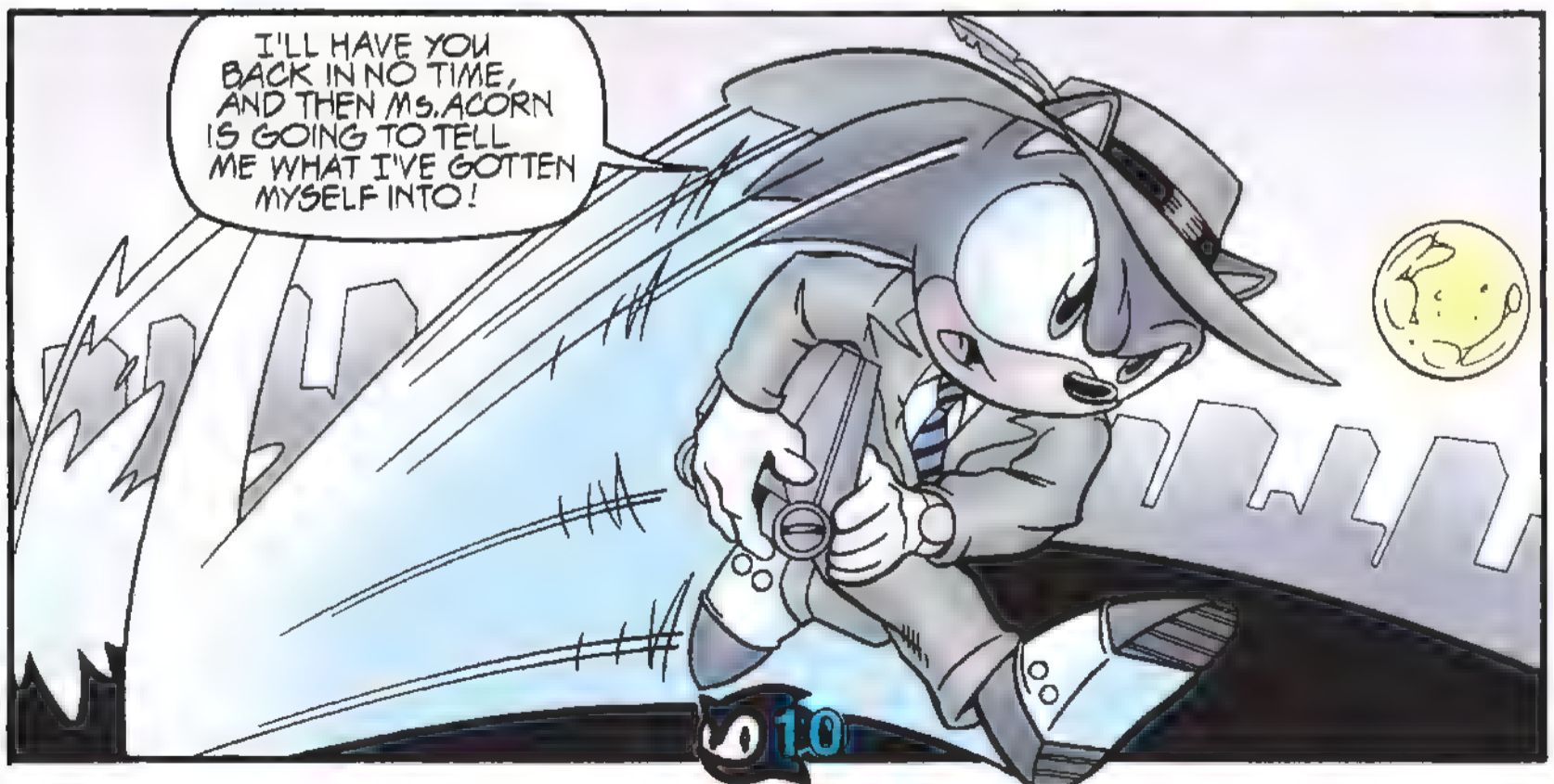
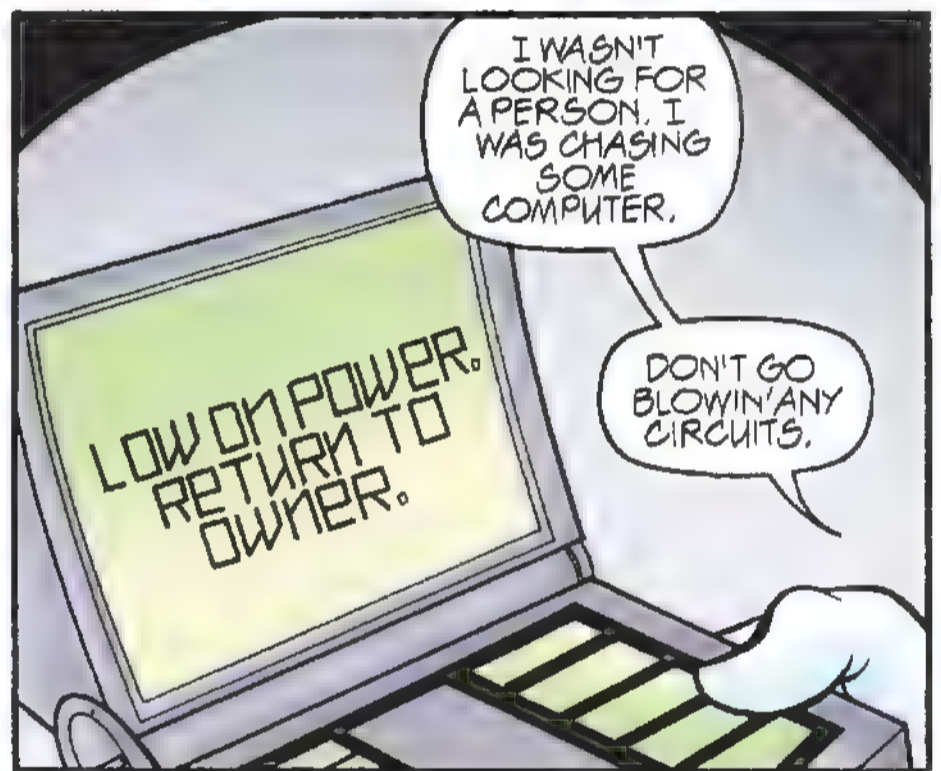
YOU SHOULD REALLY PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE ROAD...



...THAN TO YOUR PASSENGERS!

GOTTA LOVE CHEAP ROBOTS!

CRASH!

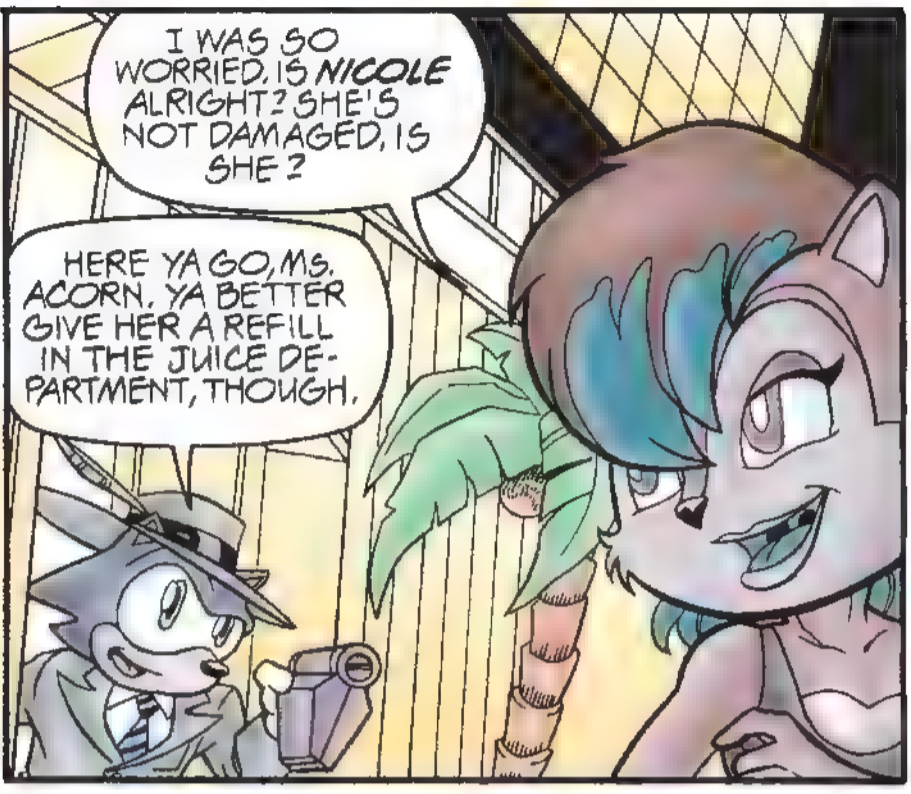


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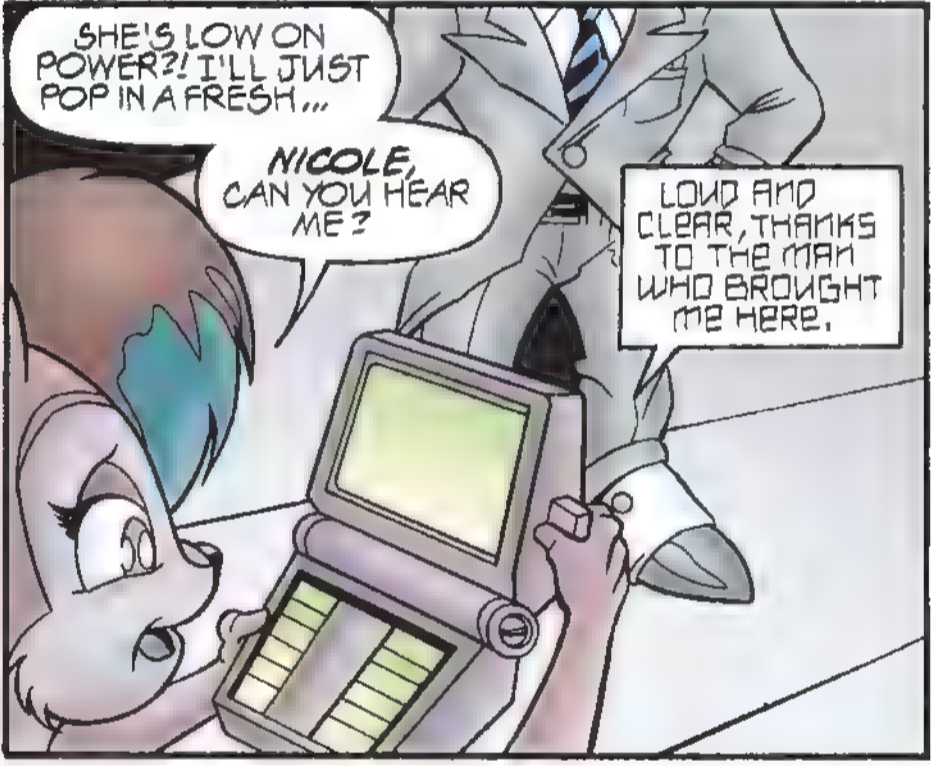
I HOPE NICOLE IS ALRIGHT.

YEAH, I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT SONIC, TOO.



I WAS SO WORRIED, IS NICOLE ALRIGHT? SHE'S NOT DAMAGED, IS SHE?

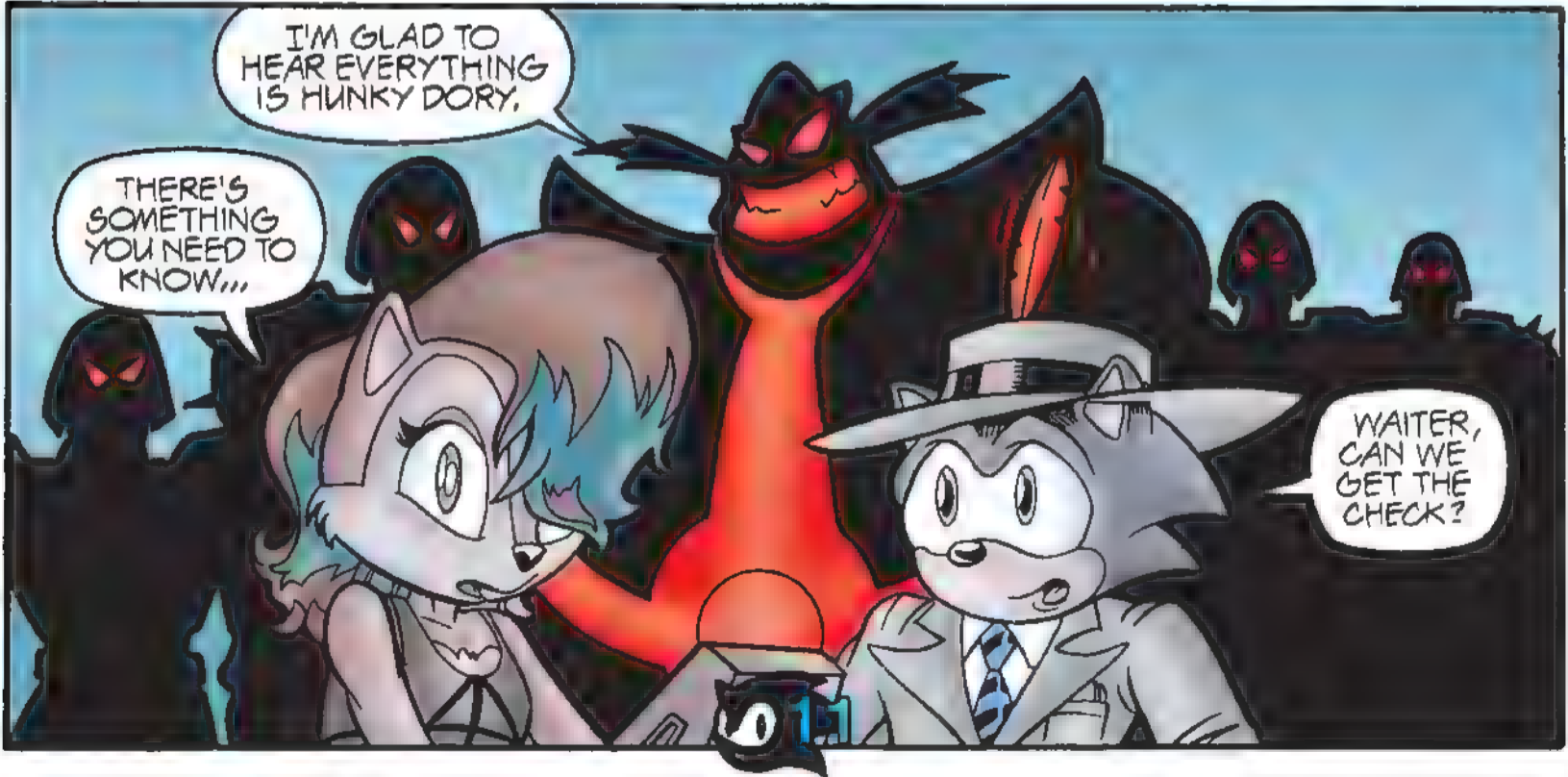
HERE YA GO, MS. ACORN, YA BETTER GIVE HER A REFILL IN THE JUICE DEPARTMENT, THOUGH.



SHE'S LOW ON POWER?! I'LL JUST POP IN A FRESH...

NICOLE, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

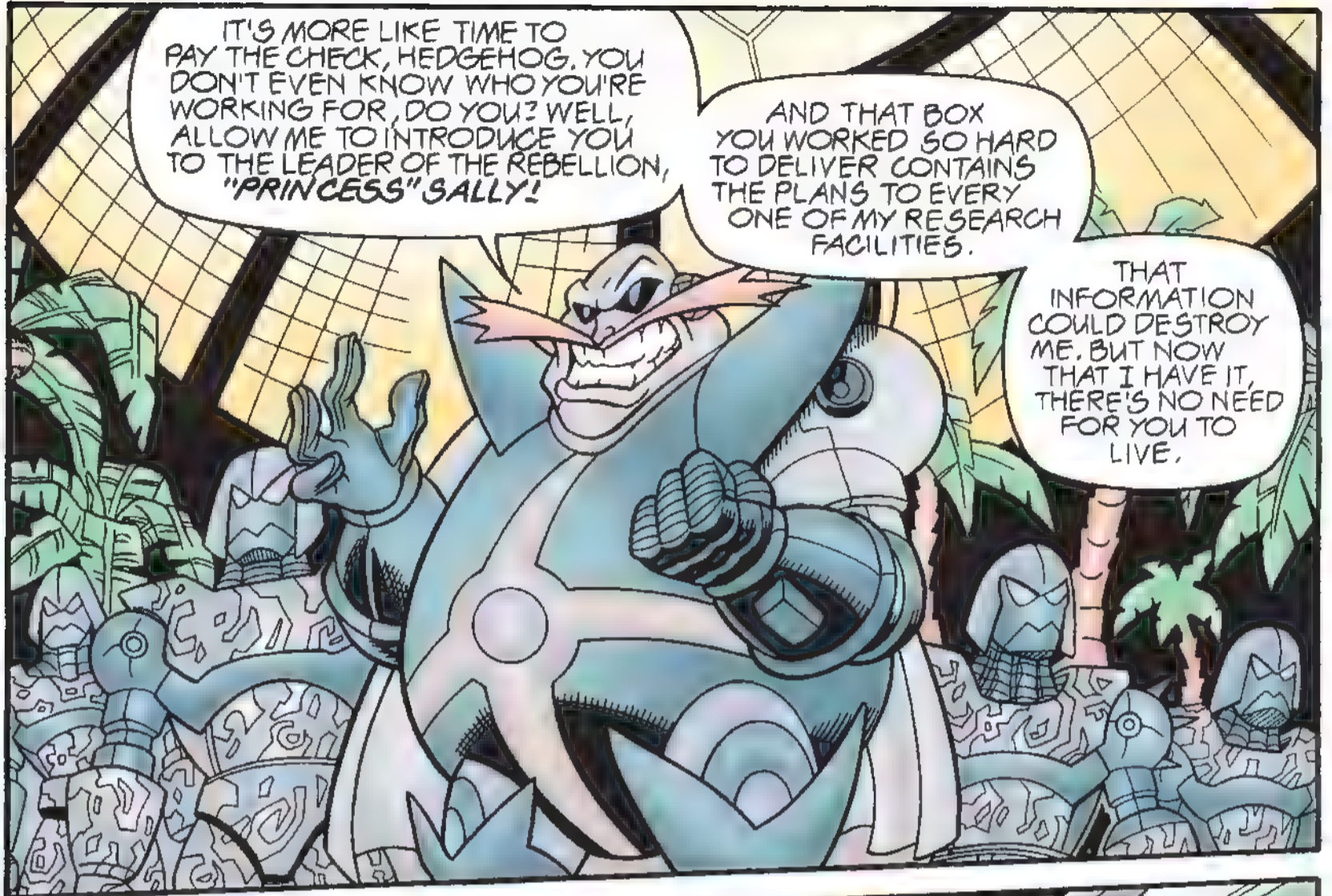
LOUD AND CLEAR, THANKS TO THE MAN WHO BROUGHT ME HERE.



I'M GLAD TO HEAR EVERYTHING IS HUNKY DORY.

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW...

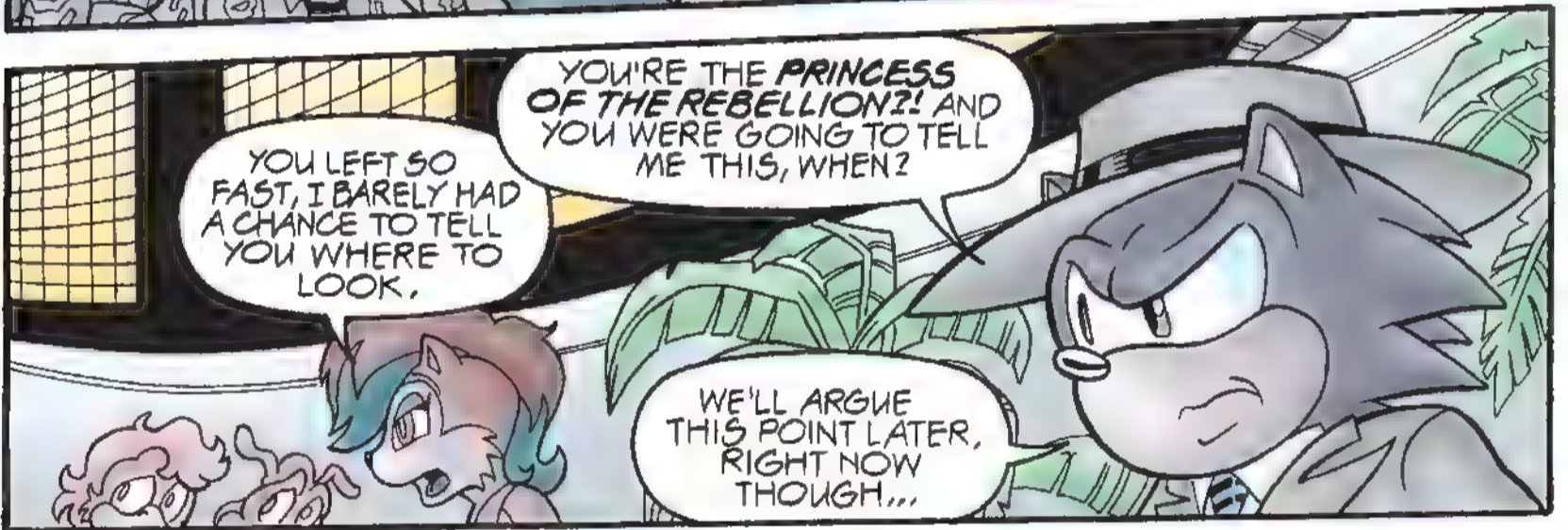
WAITER, CAN WE GET THE CHECK?



IT'S MORE LIKE TIME TO PAY THE CHECK, HEDGEHOG. YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU'RE WORKING FOR, DO YOU? WELL, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE LEADER OF THE REBELLION, "PRINCESS" SALLY!

AND THAT BOX YOU WORKED SO HARD TO DELIVER CONTAINS THE PLANS TO EVERY ONE OF MY RESEARCH FACILITIES.

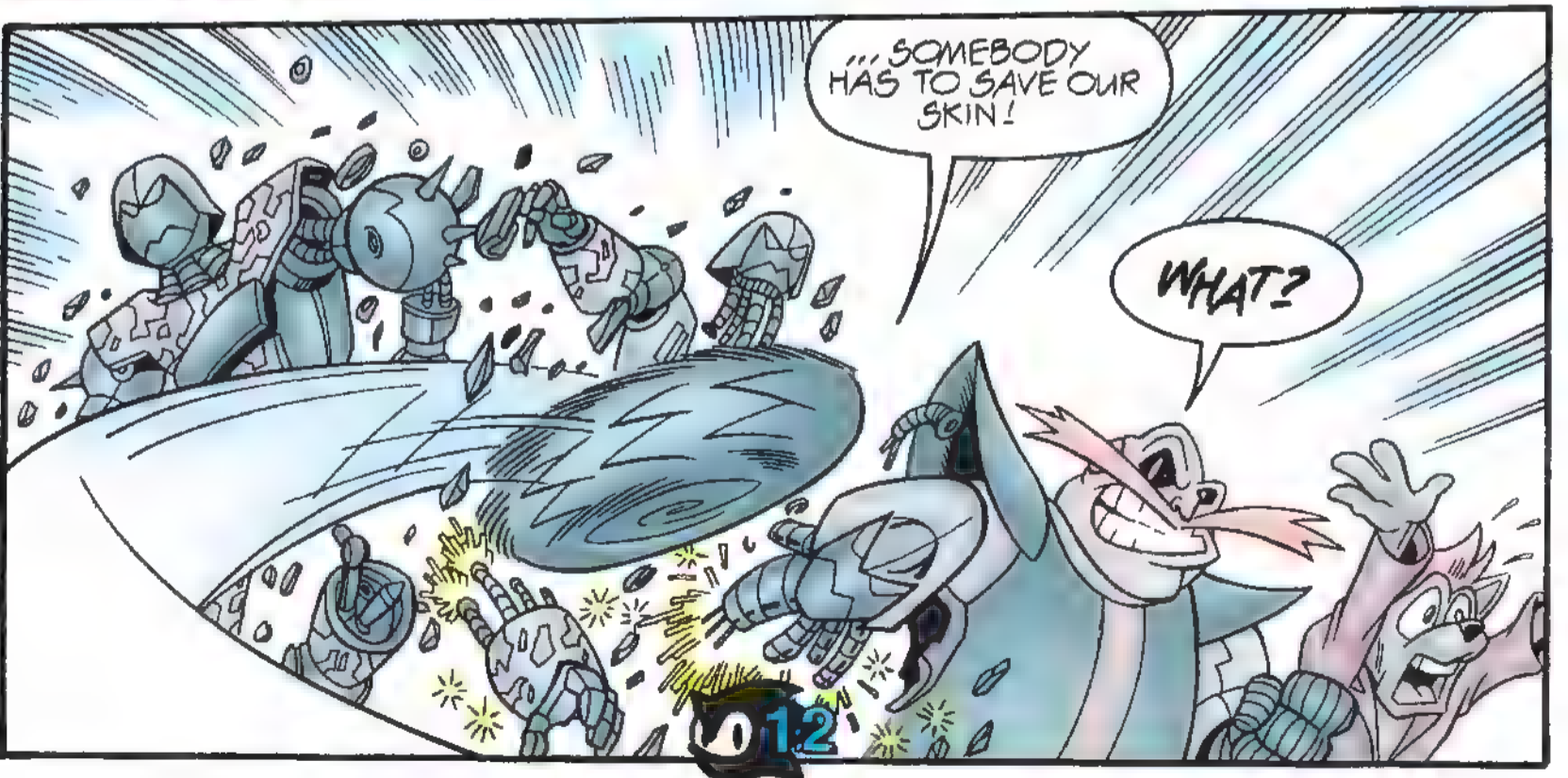
THAT INFORMATION COULD DESTROY ME. BUT NOW THAT I HAVE IT, THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO LIVE.



YOU LEFT SO FAST, I BARELY HAD A CHANCE TO TELL YOU WHERE TO LOOK.

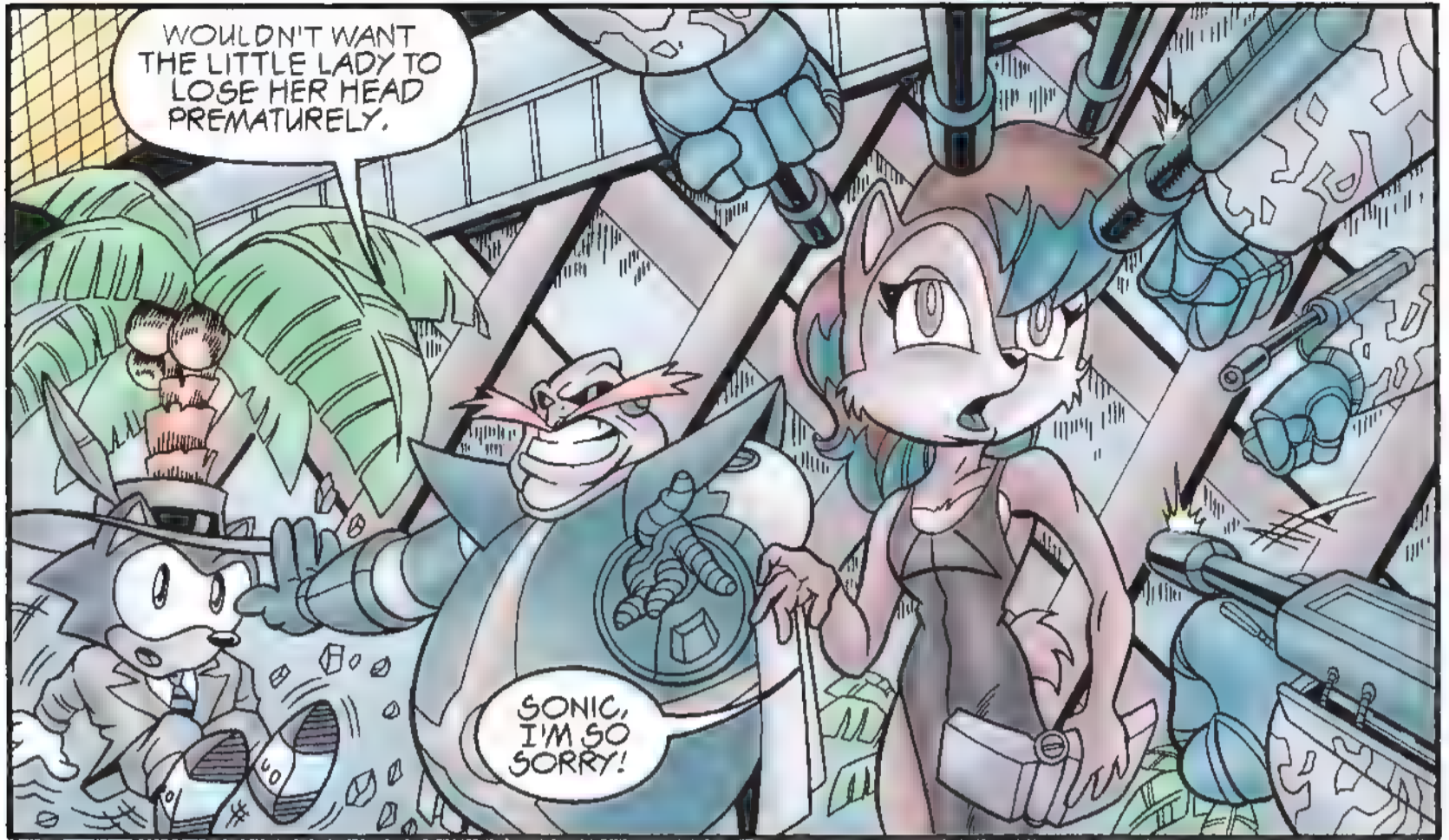
YOU'RE THE *PRINCESS OF THE REBELLION*?! AND YOU WERE GOING TO TELL ME THIS, WHEN?

WE'LL ARGUE THIS POINT LATER, RIGHT NOW THOUGH...



... SOMEBODY HAS TO SAVE OUR SKIN!

WHAT?

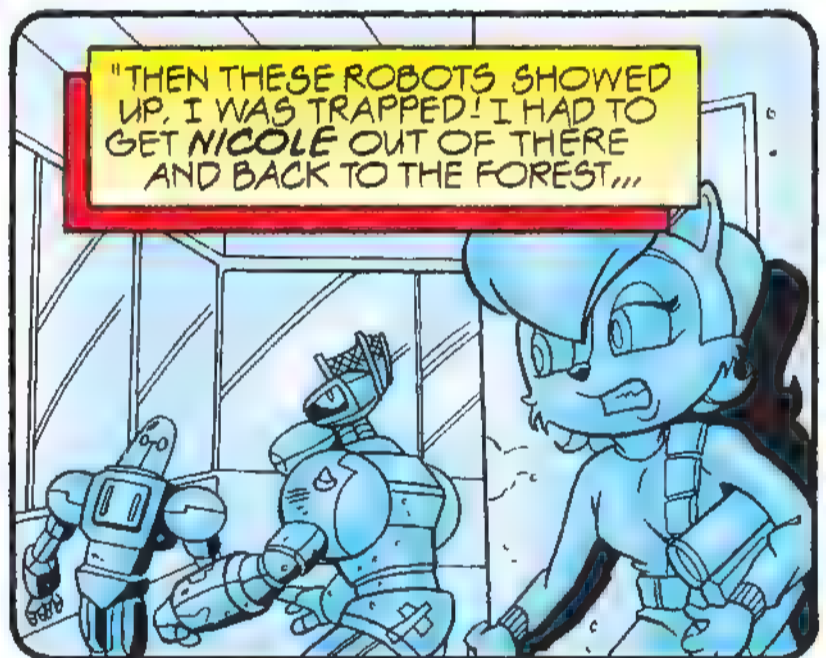


WOULDN'T WANT THE LITTLE LADY TO LOSE HER HEAD PREMATURELY.

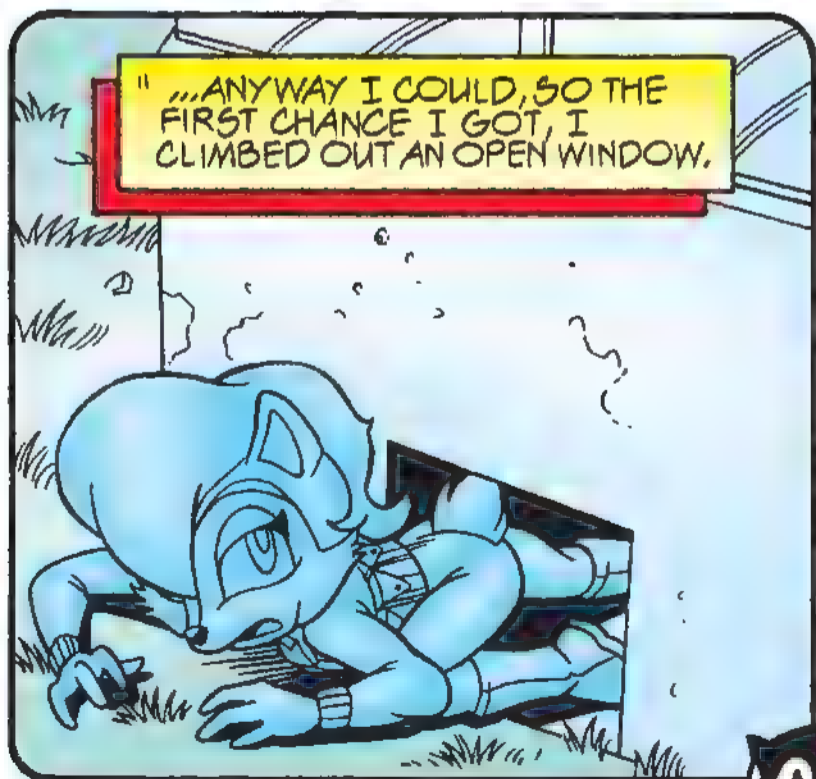
SONIC, I'M SO SORRY!



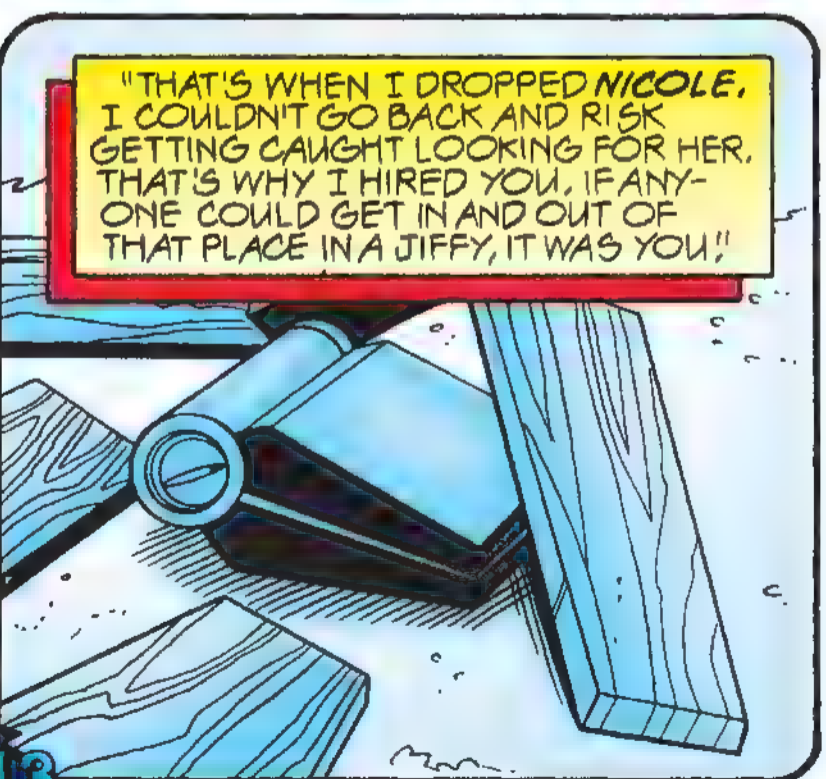
IF I TOLD YOU ALL THE DETAILS, YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE WANTED THE CASE. I DOWNLOADED ALL OF ROBOTNIK'S FILES FROM THE SLIDE FACTORY INTO NICOLE'S MEMORY BANK.



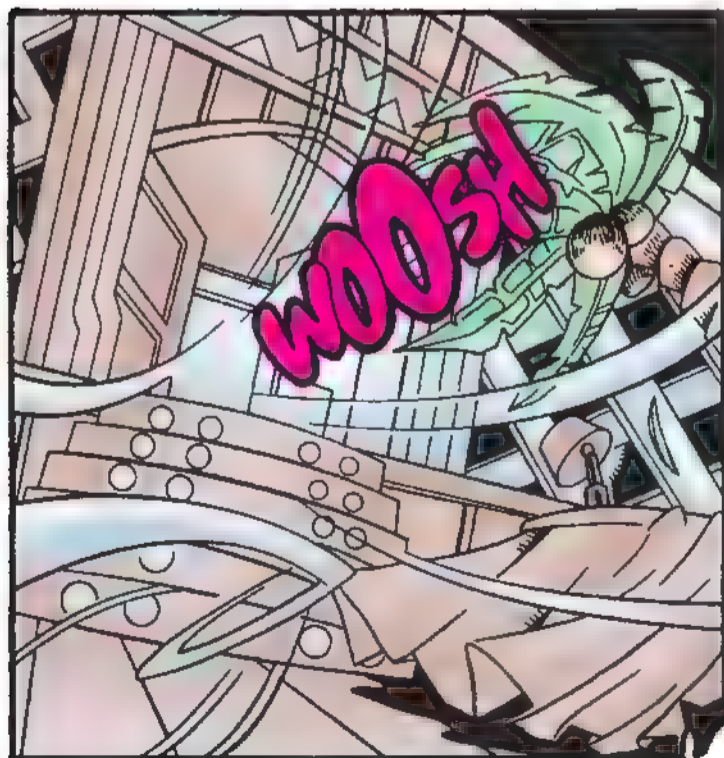
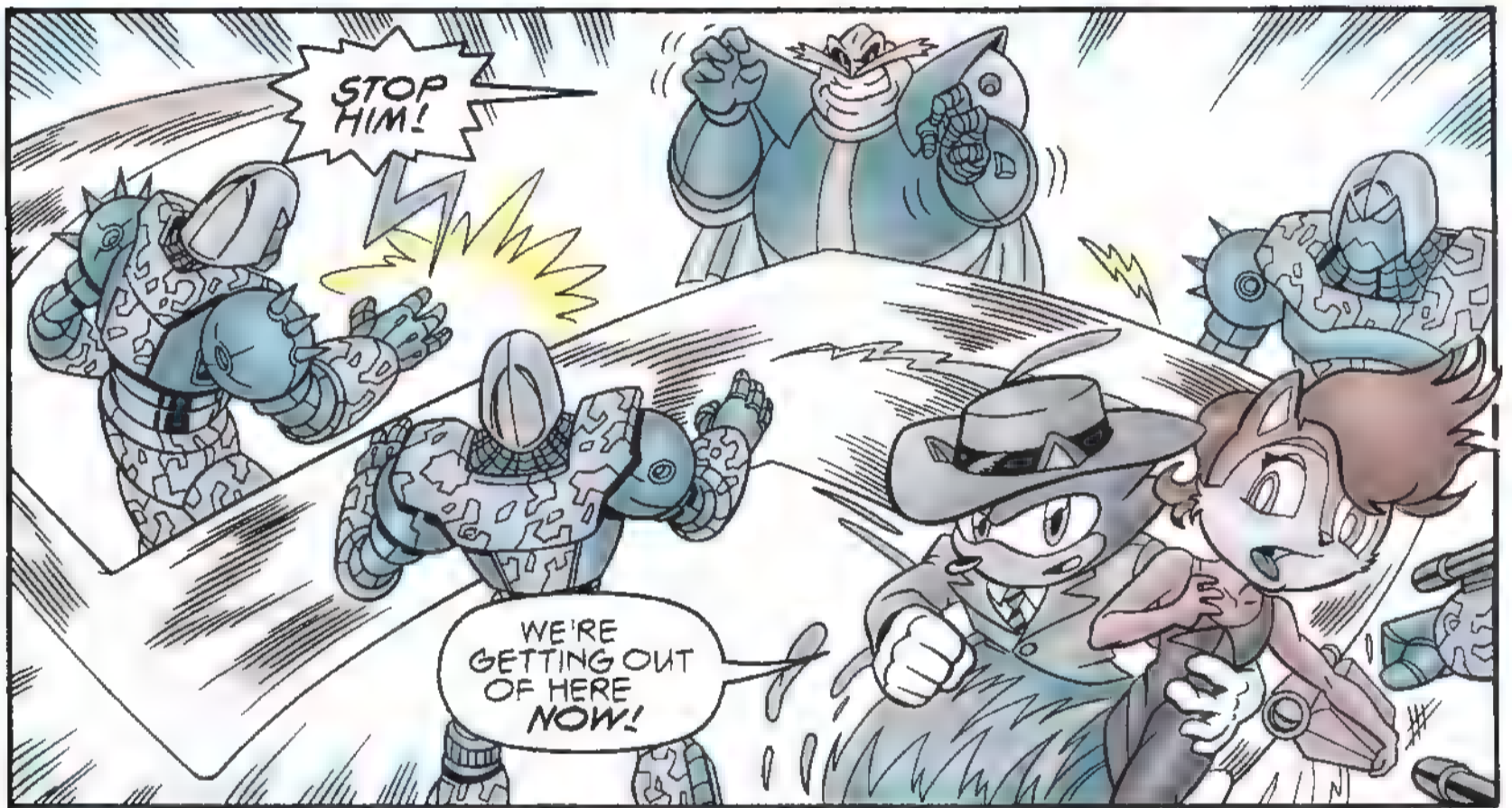
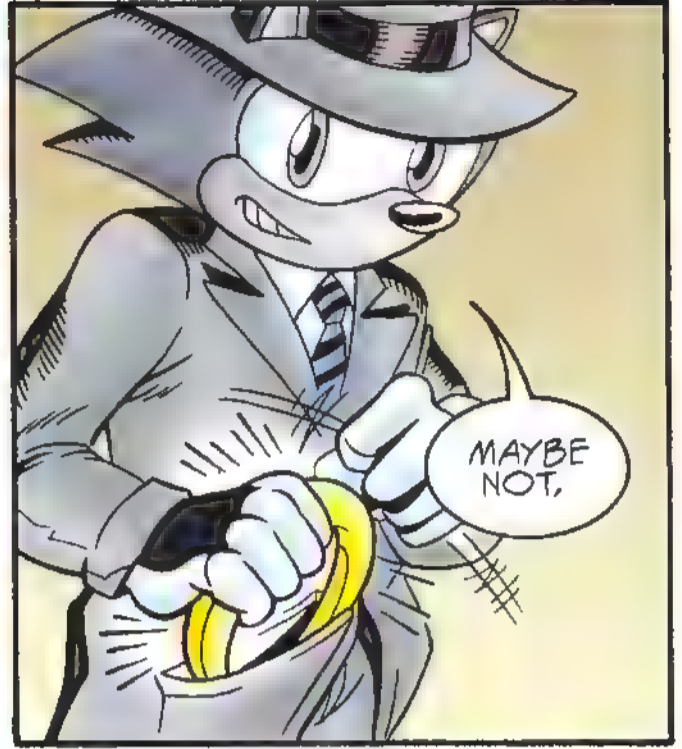
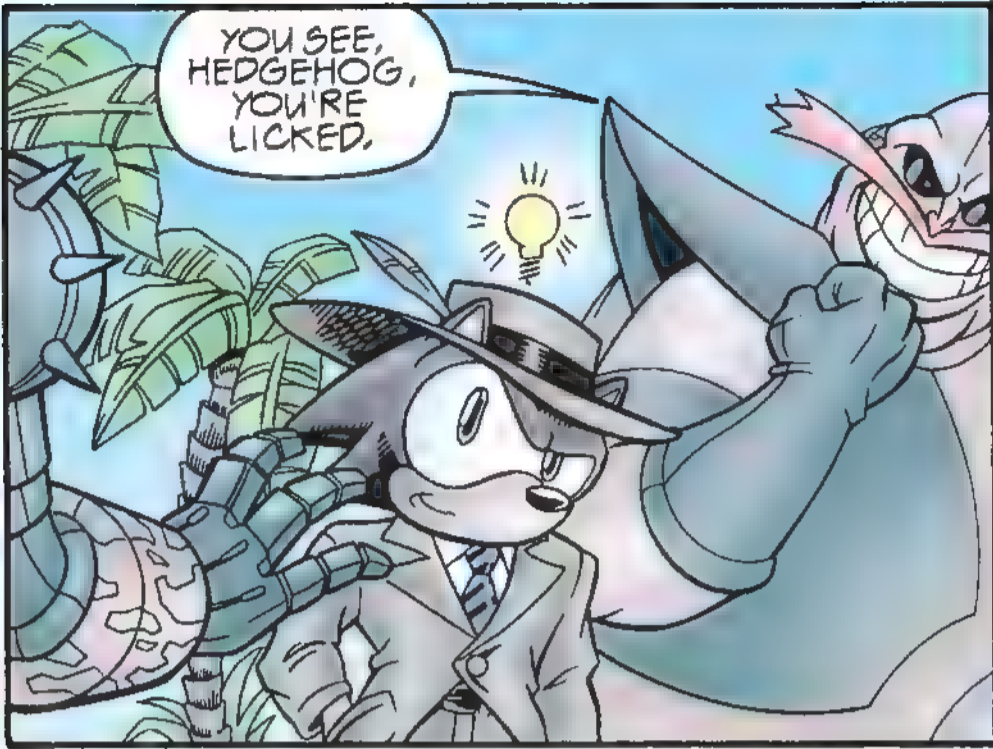
"THEN THESE ROBOTS SHOWED UP. I WAS TRAPPED! I HAD TO GET NICOLE OUT OF THERE AND BACK TO THE FOREST..."

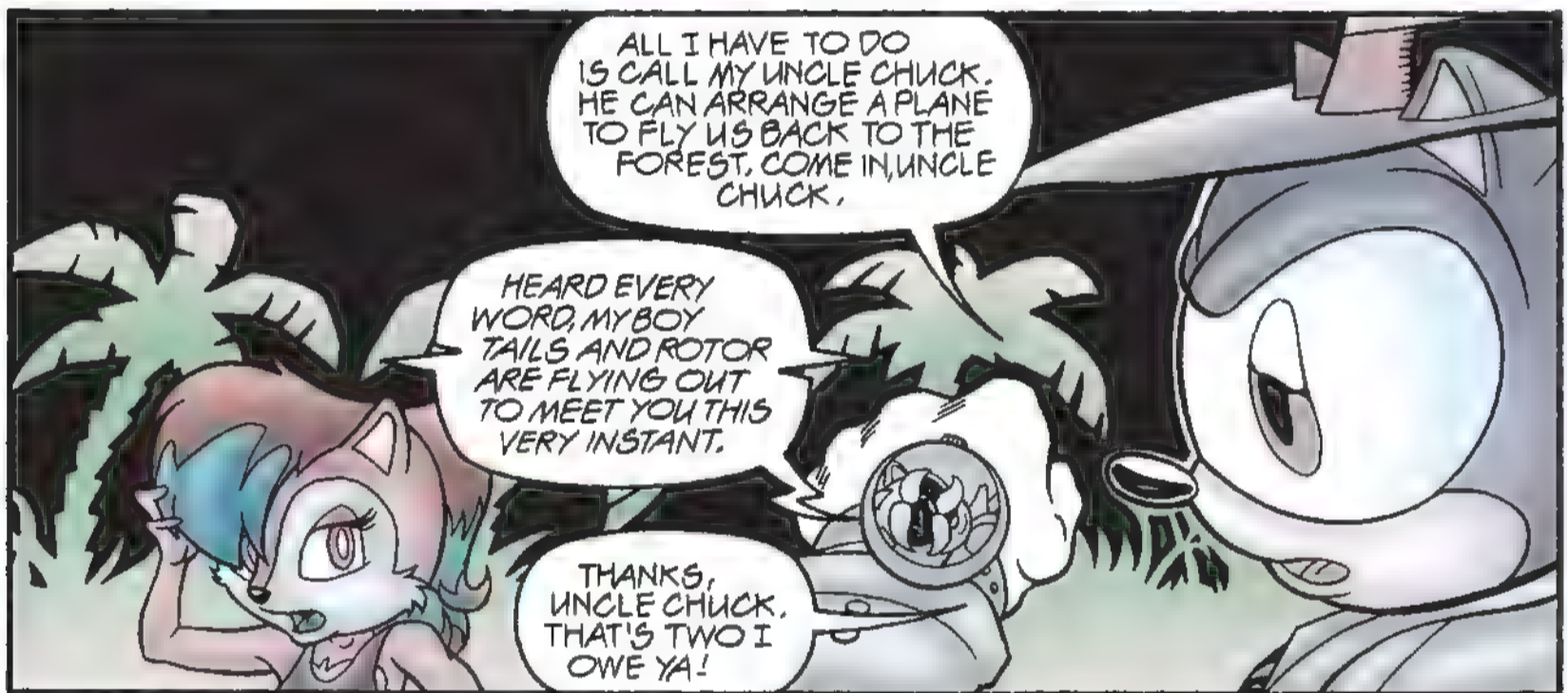


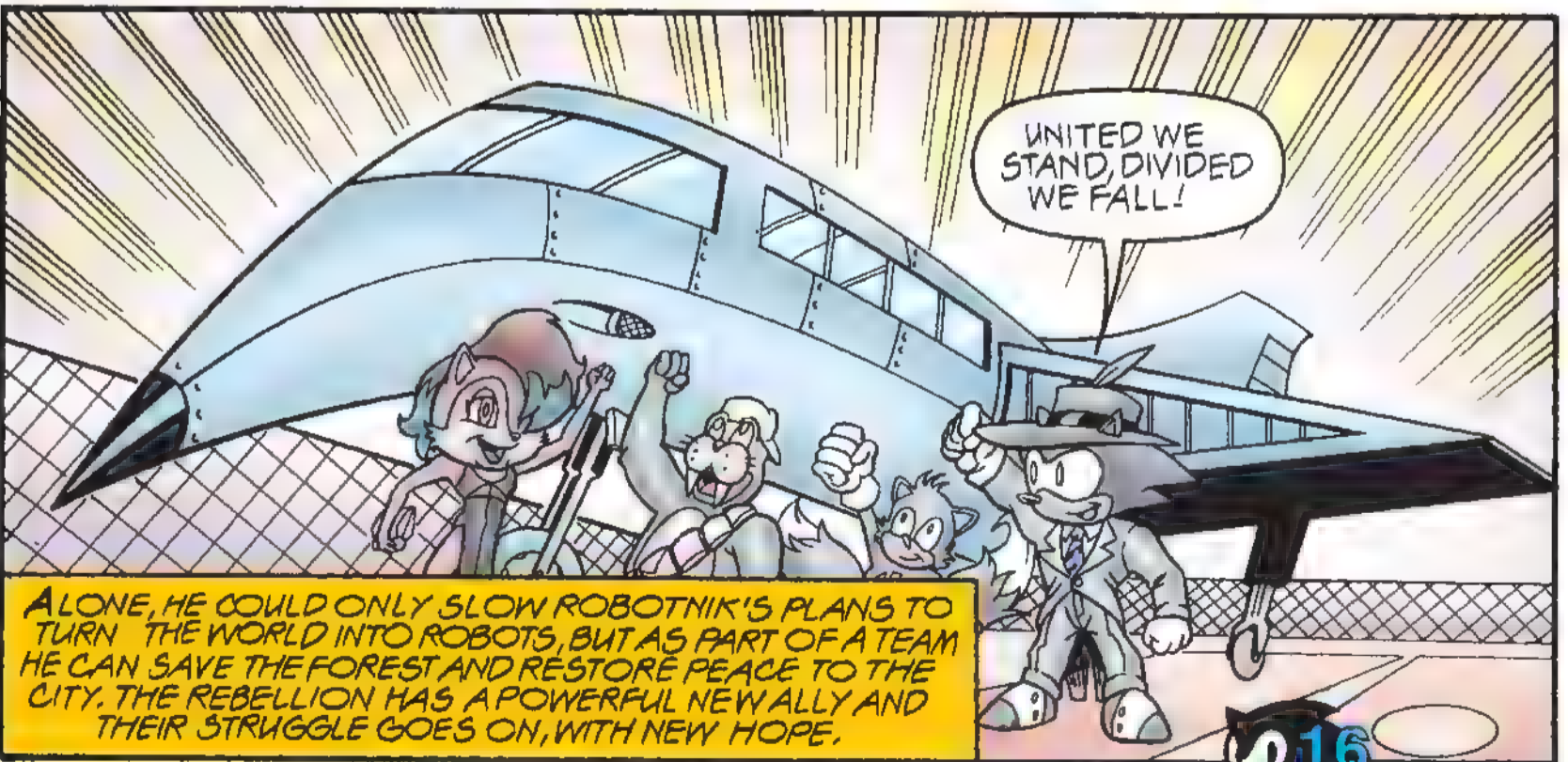
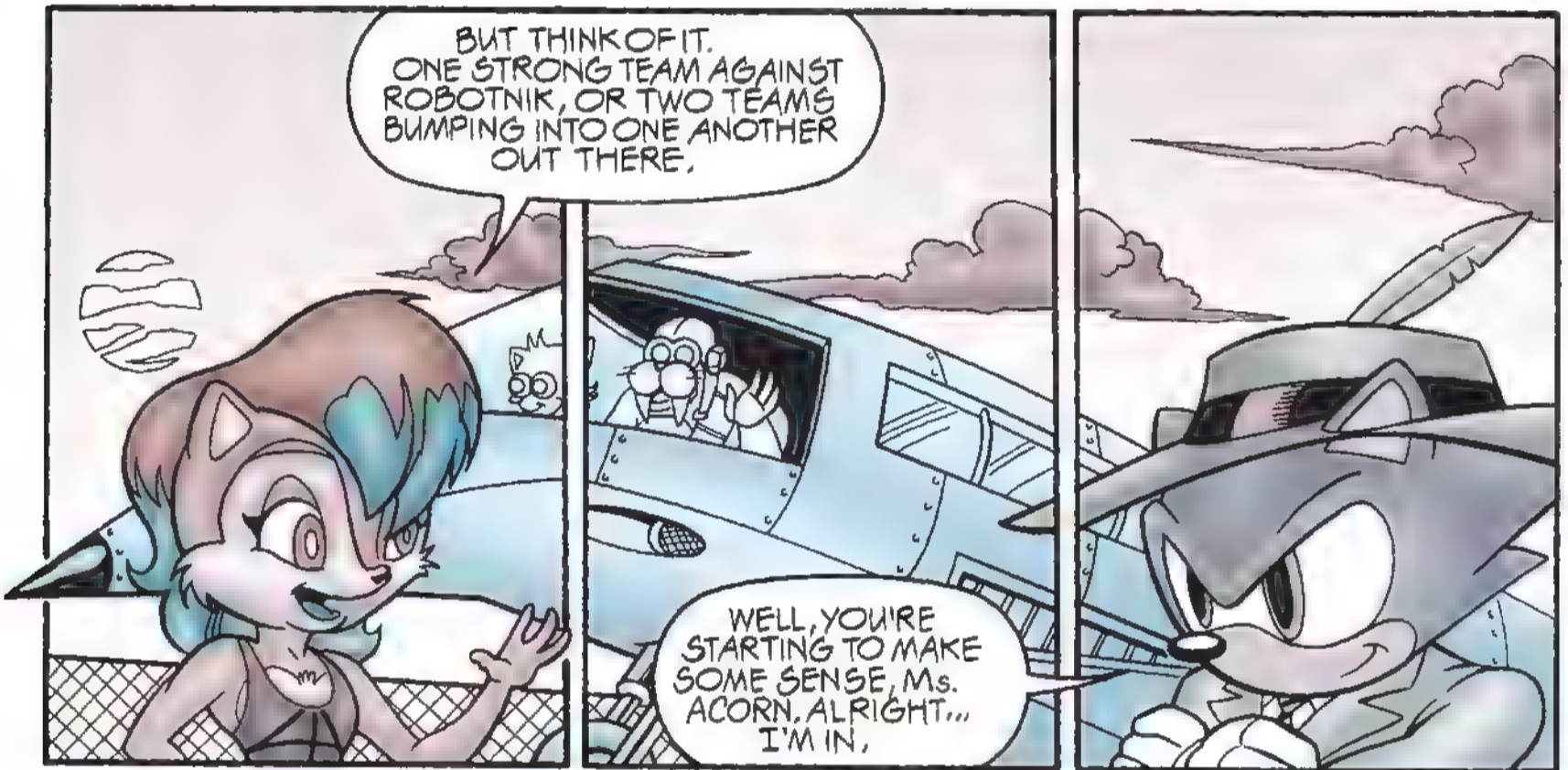
"...ANYWAY I COULD, SO THE FIRST CHANCE I GOT, I CLIMBED OUT AN OPEN WINDOW.

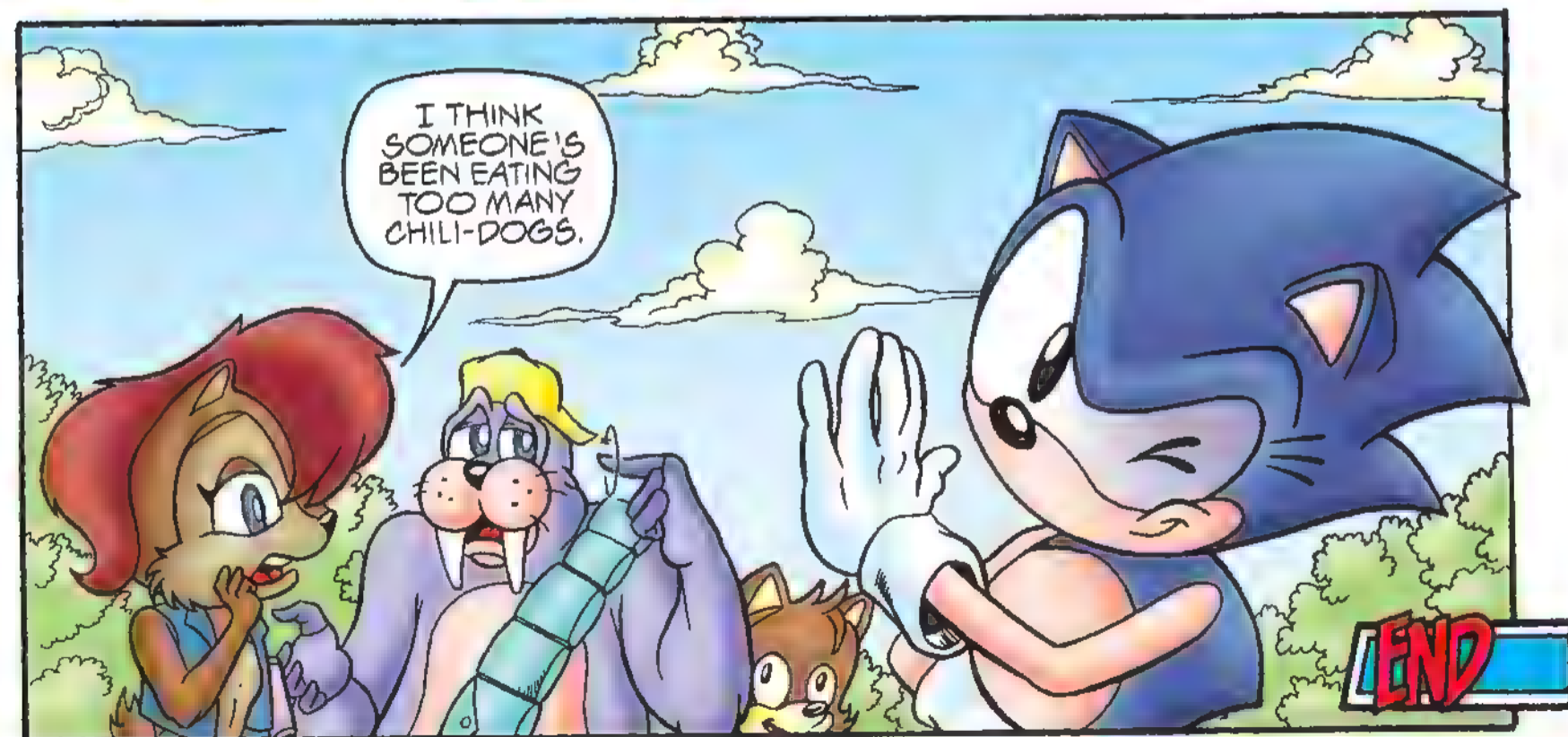
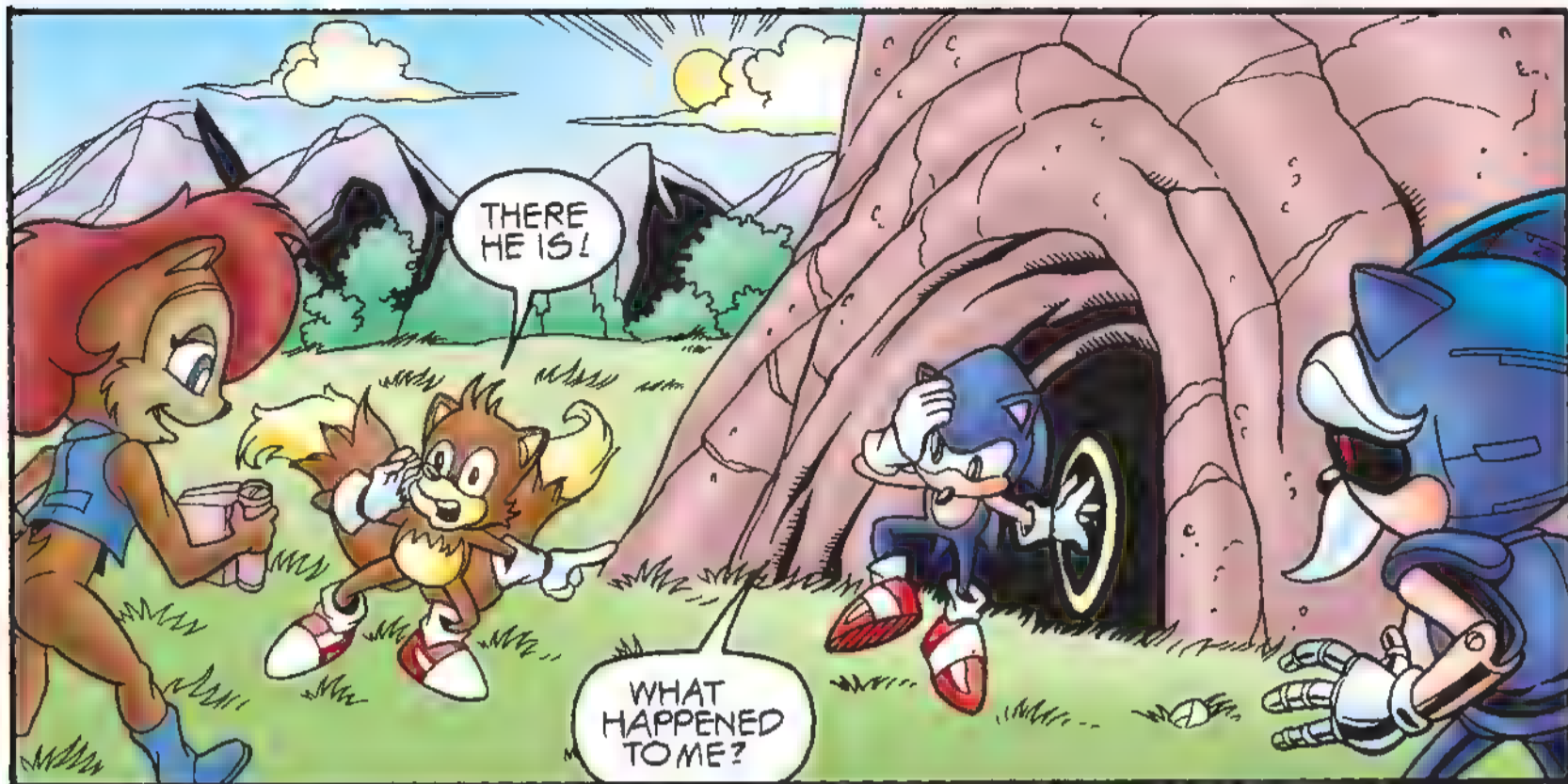


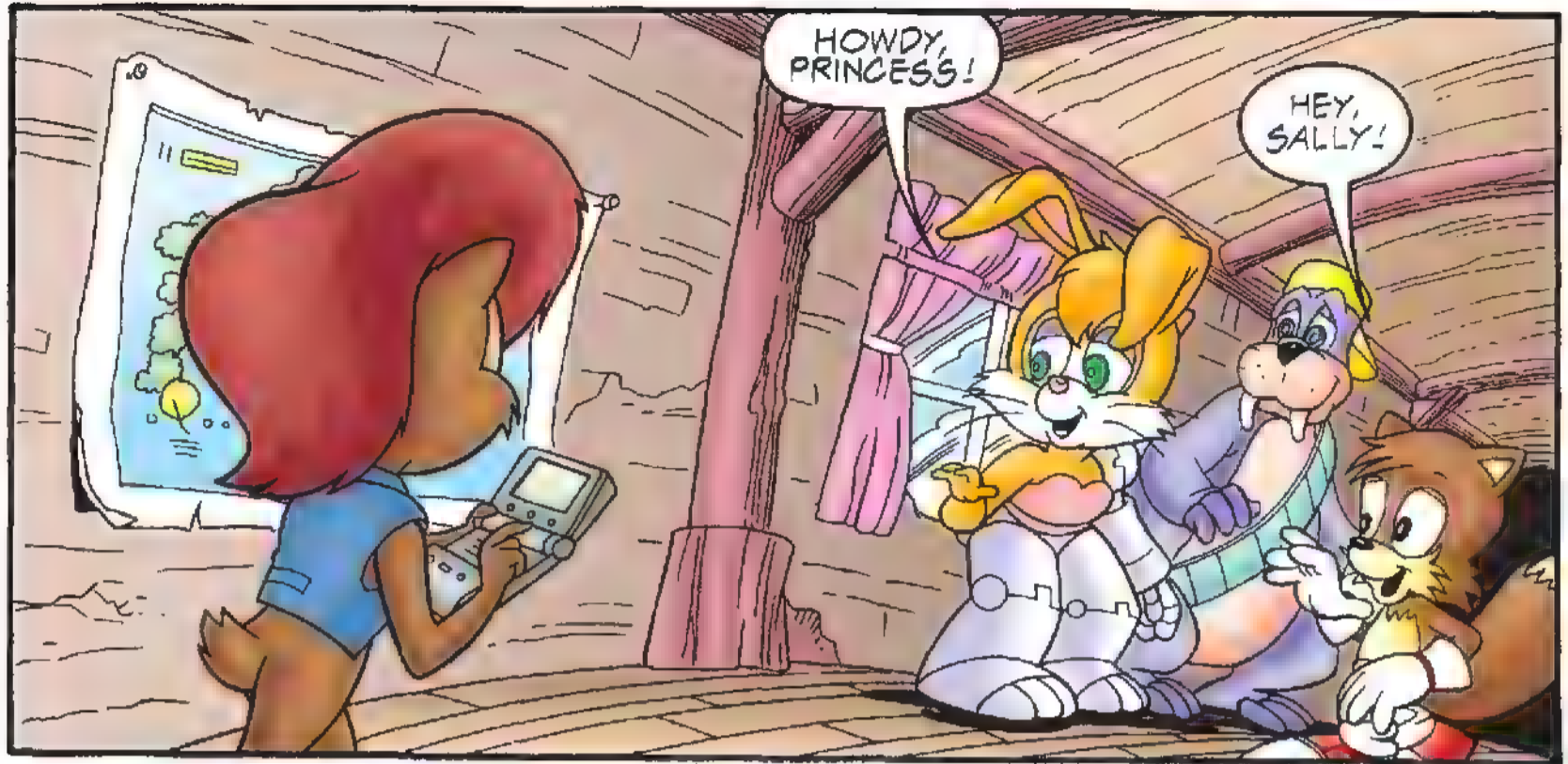
"THAT'S WHEN I DROPPED NICOLE. I COULDN'T GO BACK AND RISK GETTING CAUGHT LOOKING FOR HER. THAT'S WHY I HIRED YOU. IF ANYONE COULD GET IN AND OUT OF THAT PLACE IN A JIFFY, IT WAS YOU!"











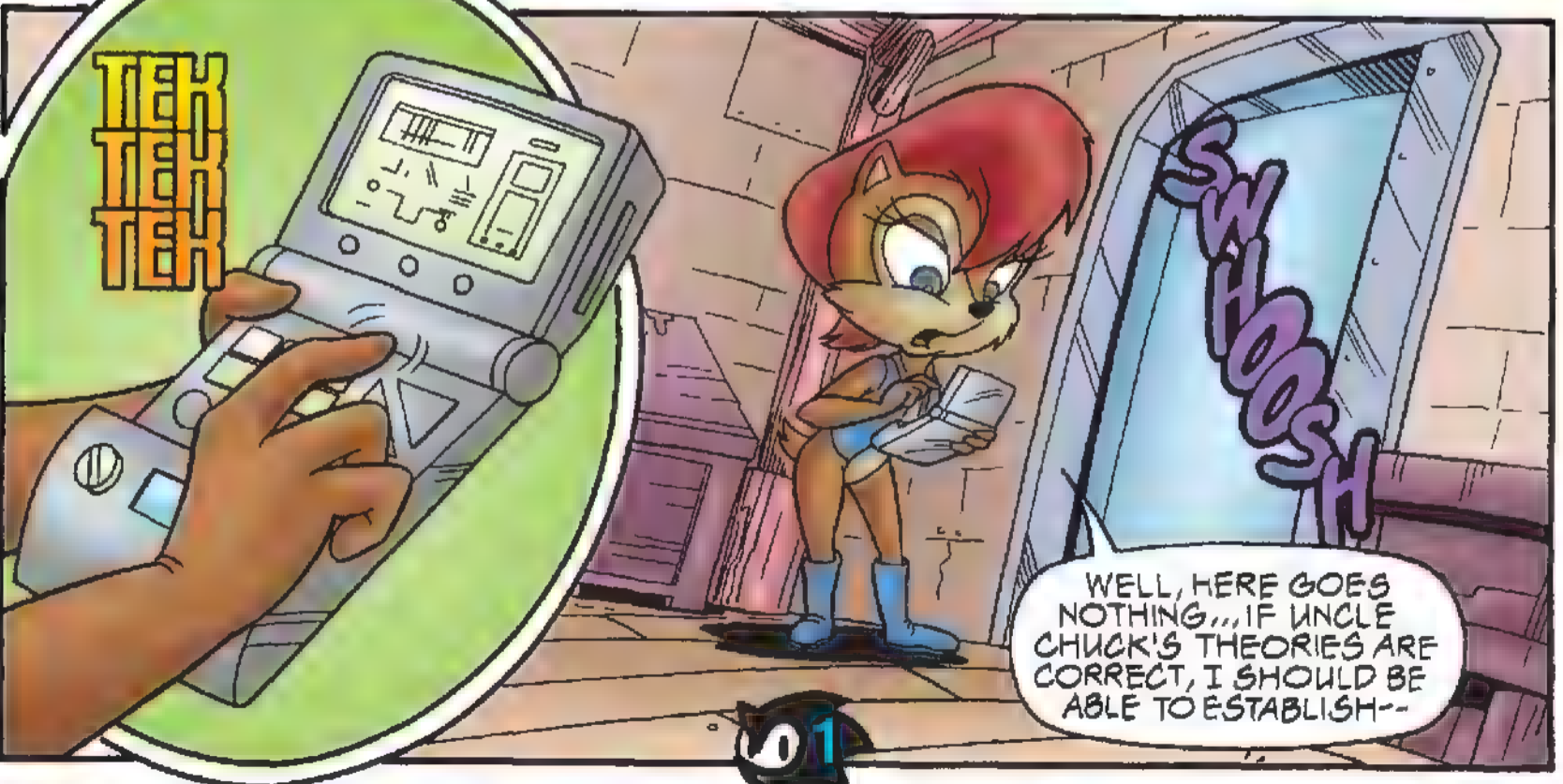
HOWDY, PRINCESS!

HEY, SALLY!



SHE DIDN'T EVEN SEE US...

I GUESS WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS SHE MUST HAVE A LOT ON HER MIND.

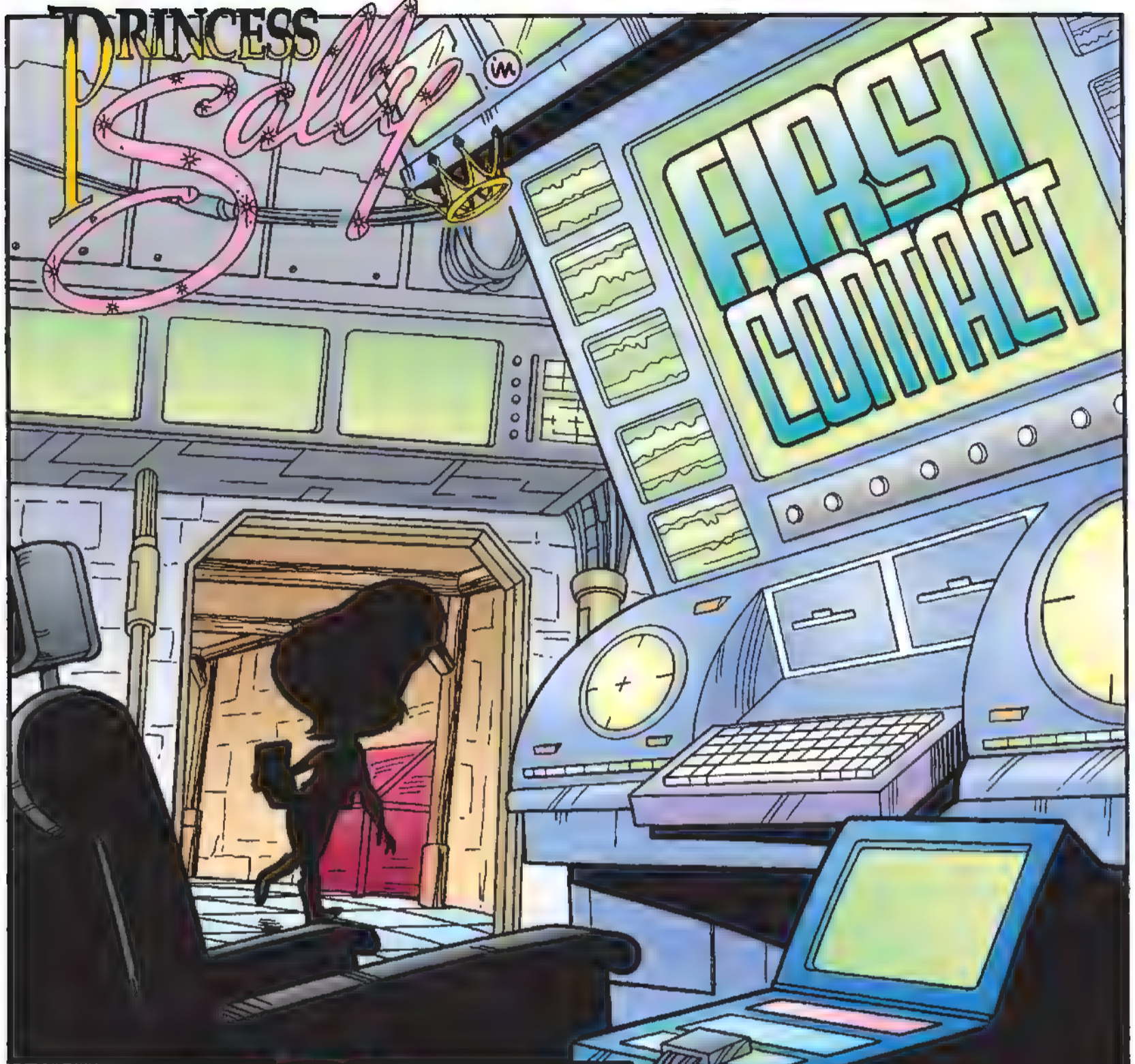


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SWOOSH

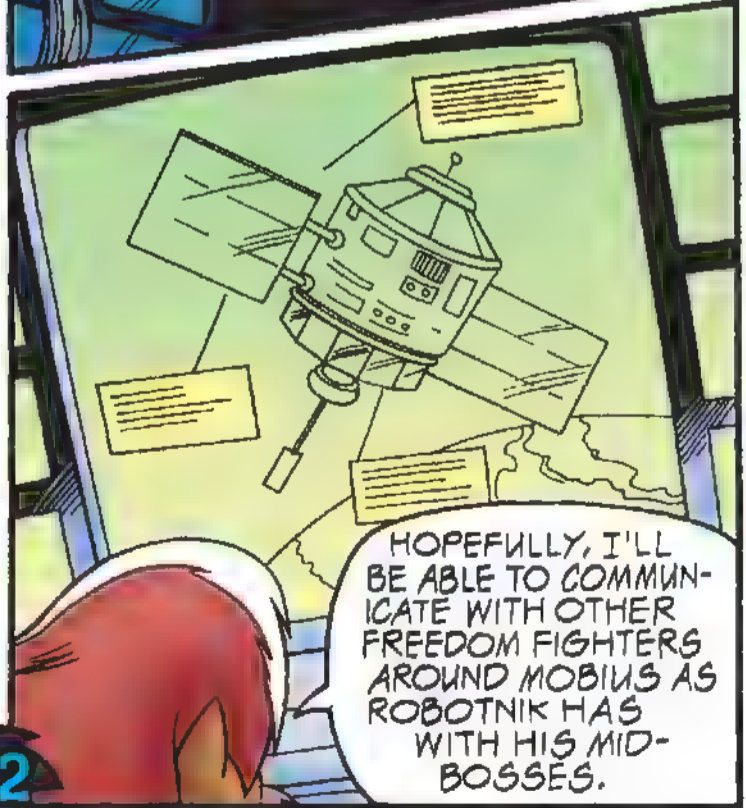
WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING... IF UNCLE CHUCK'S THEORIES ARE CORRECT, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH--



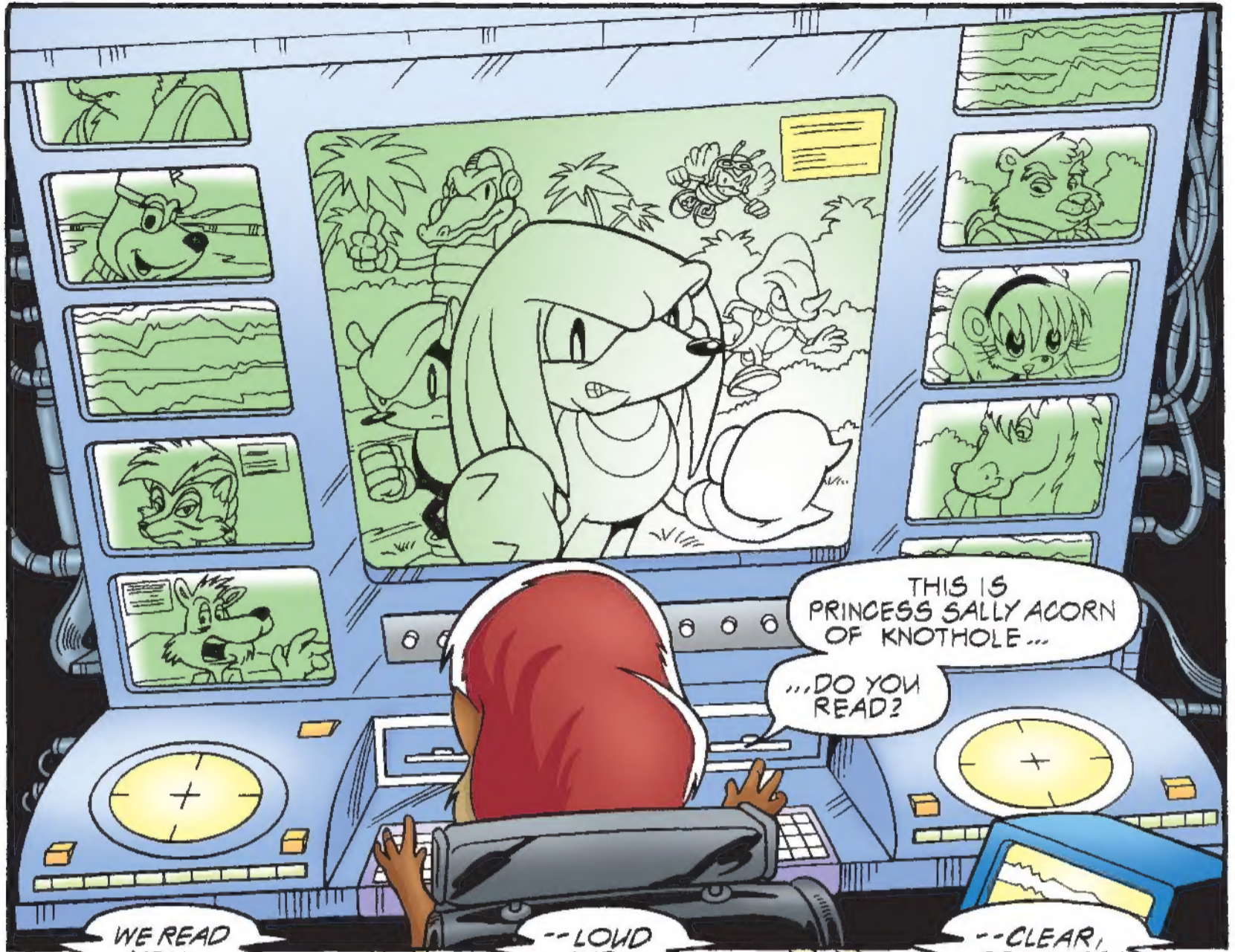


WHAT ARE YOU ATTEMPTING TO DO, PRINCESS?

USING YOUR SOPHISTICATED BROADCASTING SYSTEM, WE CAN UPLINK TO ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S ORBITING SATELLITES, NICOLE.



HOPEFULLY, I'LL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS AROUND MOBIUS AS ROBOTNIK HAS WITH HIS MID-BOSSSES.



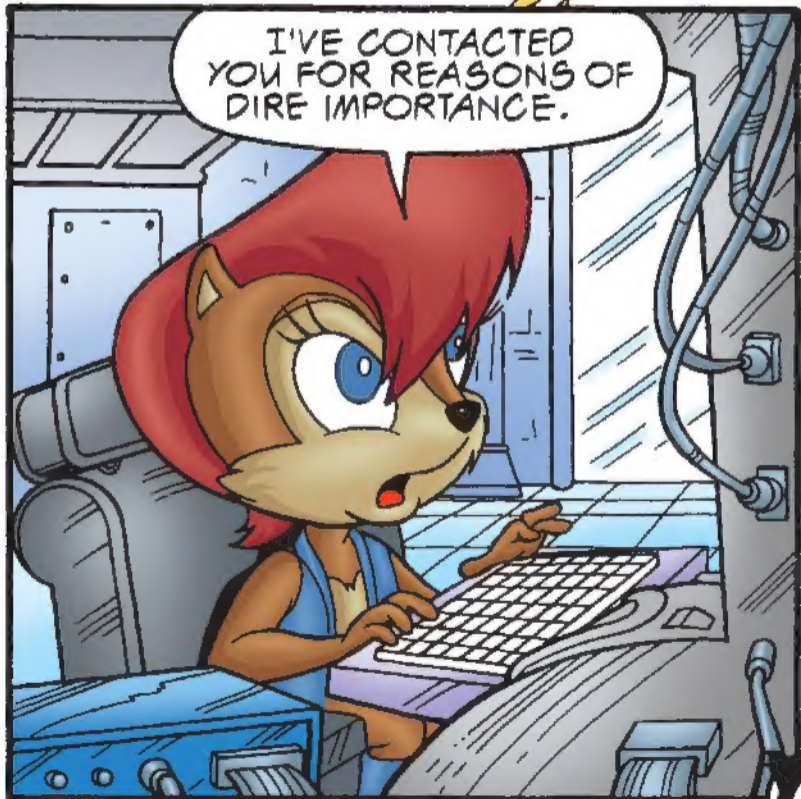
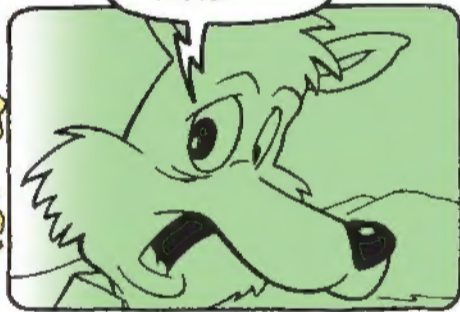
THIS IS PRINCESS SALLY ACORN OF KNOTHOLE...

...DO YOU READ?

WE READ YOU--

--LOUD AND--

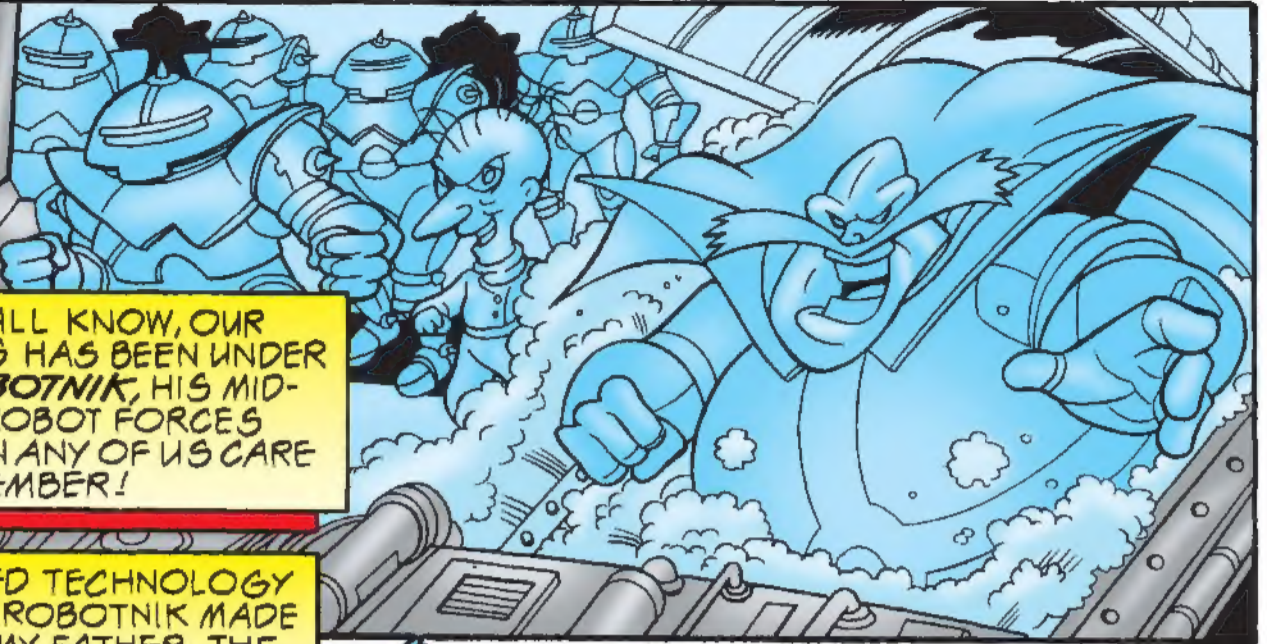
--CLEAR, PRINCESS!



I'VE CONTACTED YOU FOR REASONS OF DIRE IMPORTANCE.



LET ME EXPLAIN...



"AS I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW, OUR PLANET OF MOBIUS HAS BEEN UNDER SIEGE BY IVO ROBOTNIK, HIS MID-BOSSSES AND HIS ROBOT FORCES FOR LONGER THAN ANY OF US CARE TO REMEMBER!

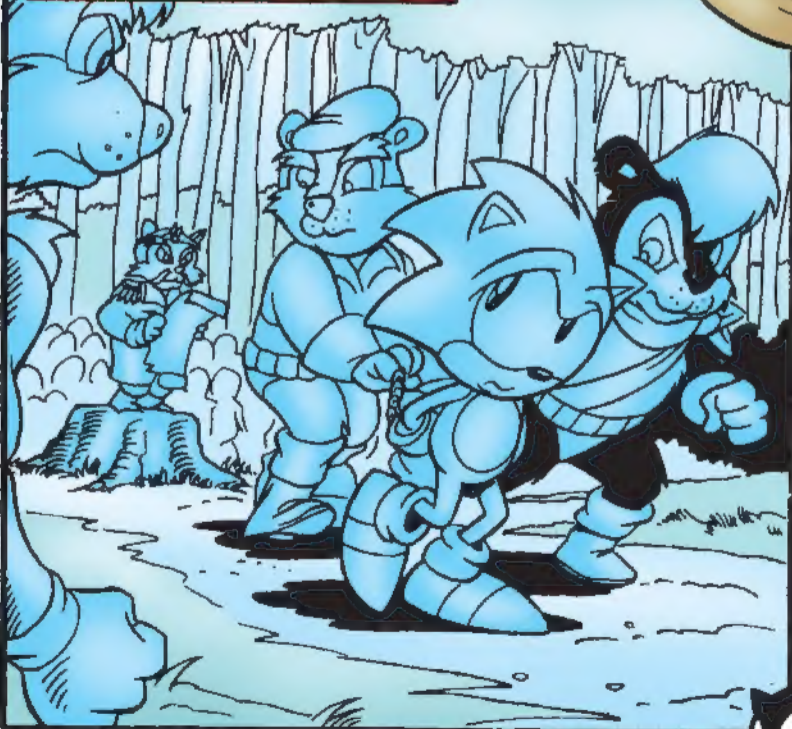
"USING THE TWISTED TECHNOLOGY AT HIS DISPOSAL, ROBOTNIK MADE US BELIEVE THAT MY FATHER, THE KING, HAD FINALLY RETURNED...

"...WHEN IN FACT IT WAS PART OF ROBOTNIK'S PLAN TO--



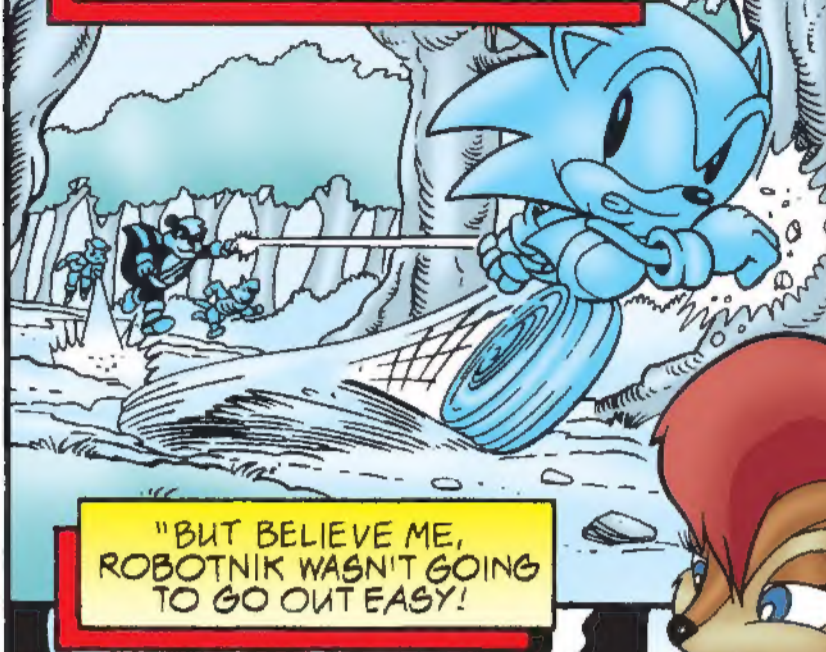
"-- MAKE EVERYONE THINK THAT I'D HAD A FATAL FALL --

"-- FRAME SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FOR THE TREACHEROUS DEED--

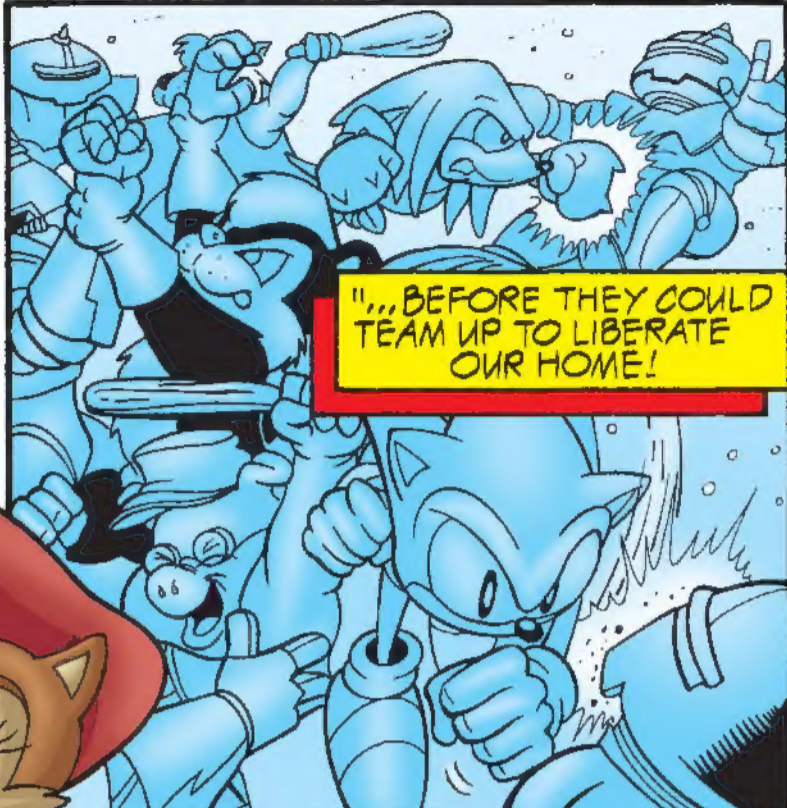


"-- AND FINALLY FIND AND ENSLAVE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!"

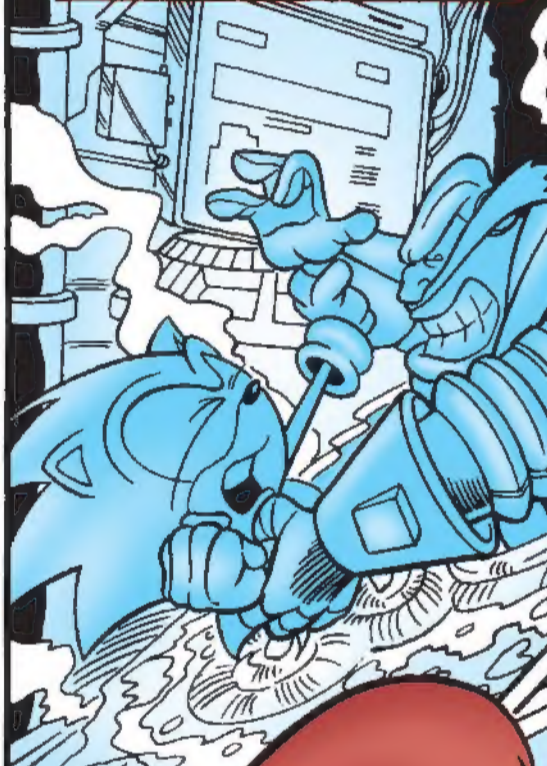
"MANAGING TO ESCAPE, SONIC HAD TO CONVINCE GEOFFREY ST. JOHN OF HIS INNOCENCE..."



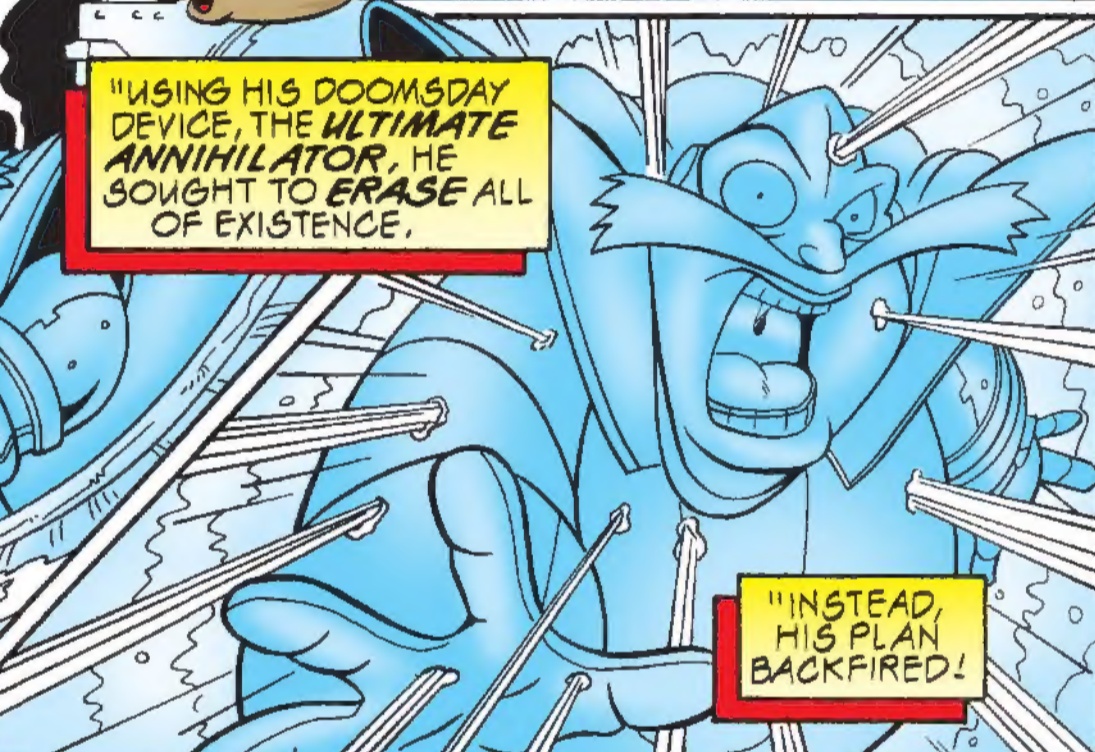
"...BEFORE THEY COULD TEAM UP TO LIBERATE OUR HOME!"



"BUT BELIEVE ME, ROBOTNIK WASN'T GOING TO GO OUT EASY!"

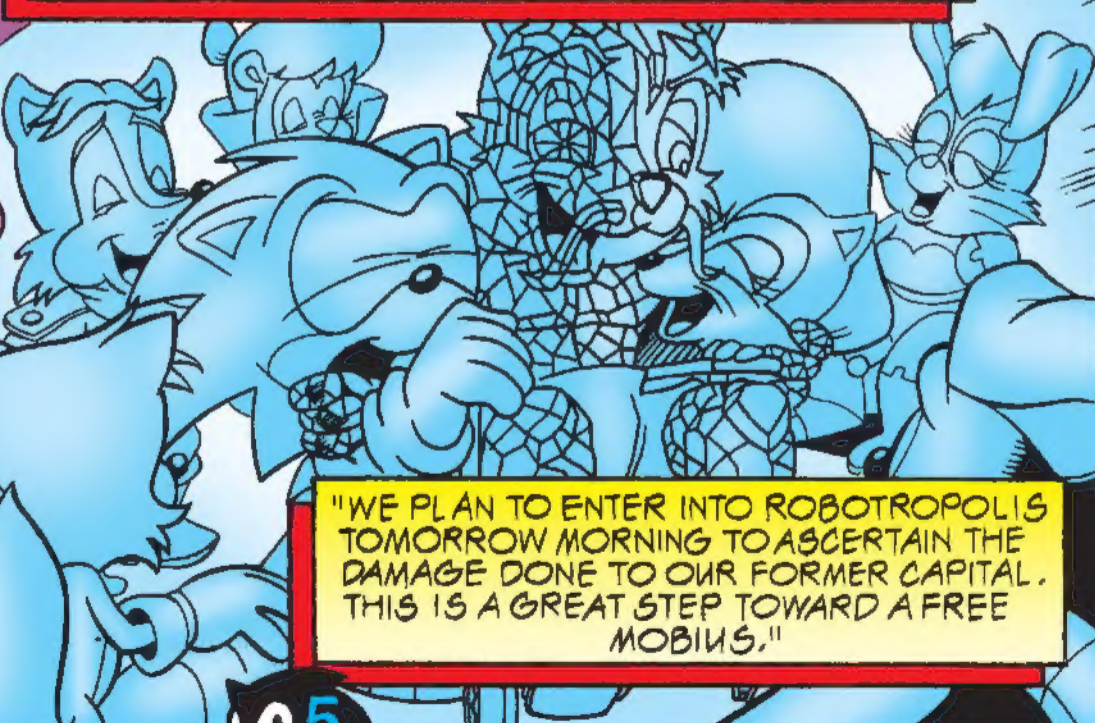


"USING HIS DOOMSDAY DEVICE, THE **ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR**, HE SOUGHT TO ERASE ALL OF EXISTENCE."

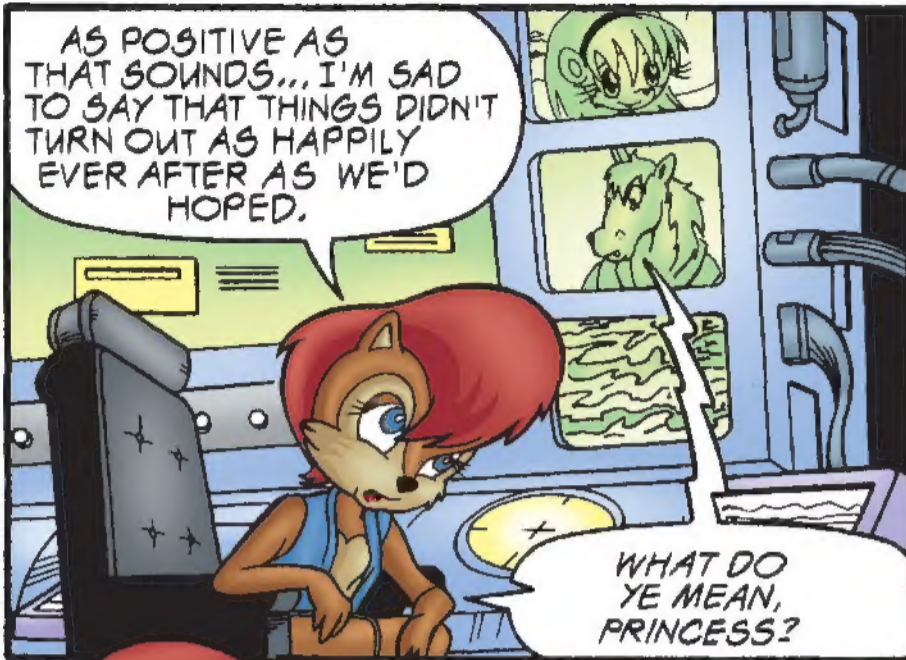


"INSTEAD, HIS PLAN BACKFIRED!"

"I AWAKENED FROM MY DEATH-LIKE COMA TO FIND THAT ROBOTNIK WAS GONE FOREVER, SONIC WAS A HERO, AND MY TRUE FATHER WAS **ALIVE!**"

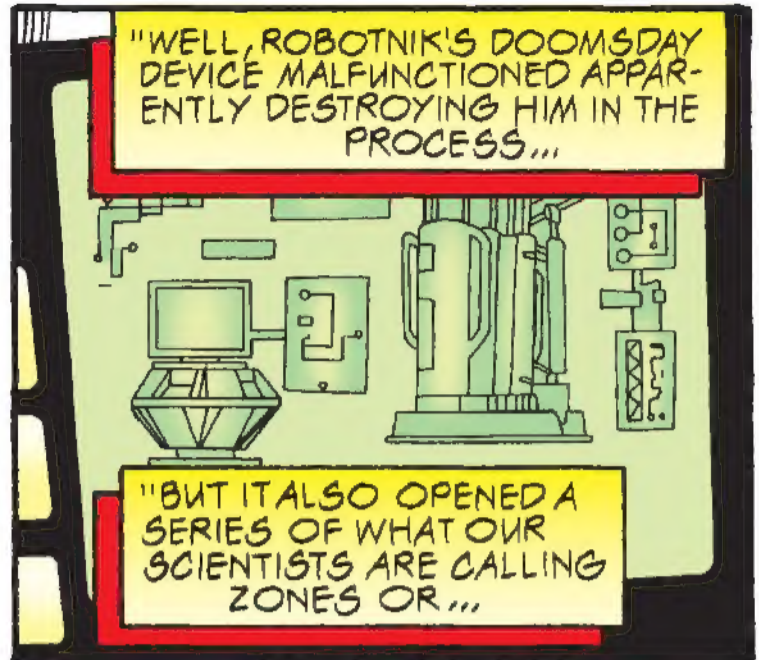


"WE PLAN TO ENTER INTO ROBOTROPOLIS TOMORROW MORNING TO ASCERTAIN THE DAMAGE DONE TO OUR FORMER CAPITAL. THIS IS A GREAT STEP TOWARD A FREE MOBIUS."



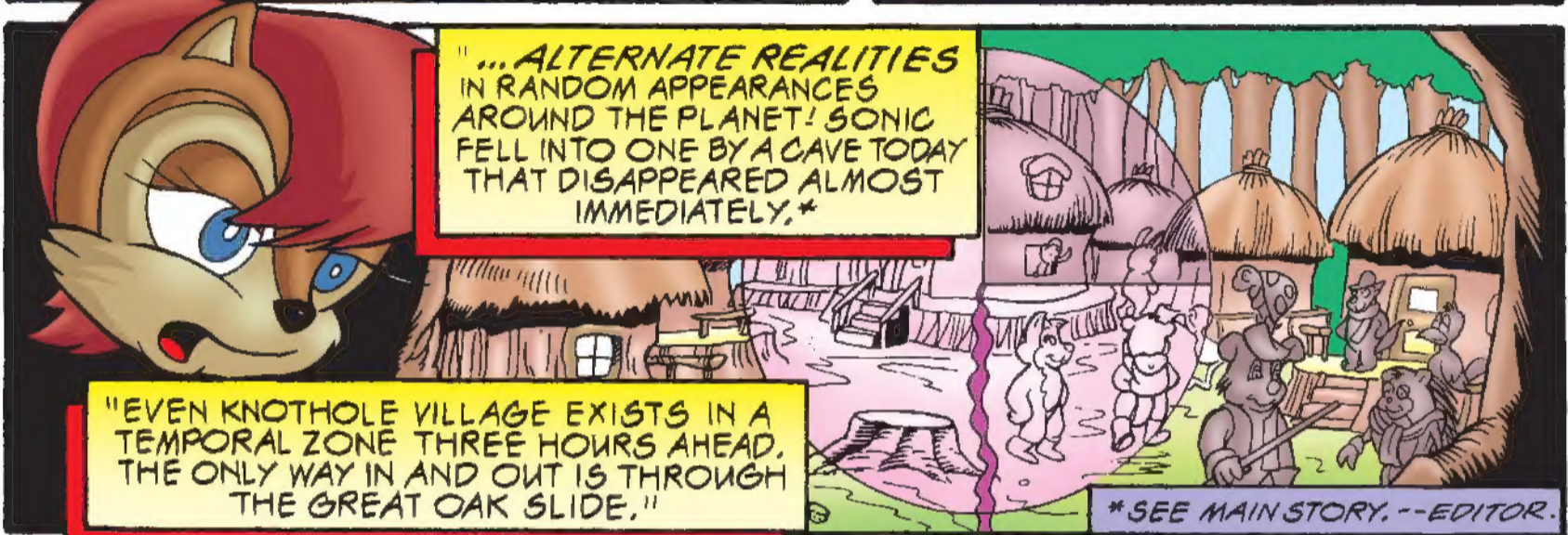
AS POSITIVE AS THAT SOUNDS... I'M SAD TO SAY THAT THINGS DIDN'T TURN OUT AS HAPPILY EVER AFTER AS WE'D HOPED.

WHAT DO YE MEAN, PRINCESS?



"WELL, ROBOTNIK'S DOOMSDAY DEVICE MALFUNCTIONED APPARENTLY DESTROYING HIM IN THE PROCESS..."

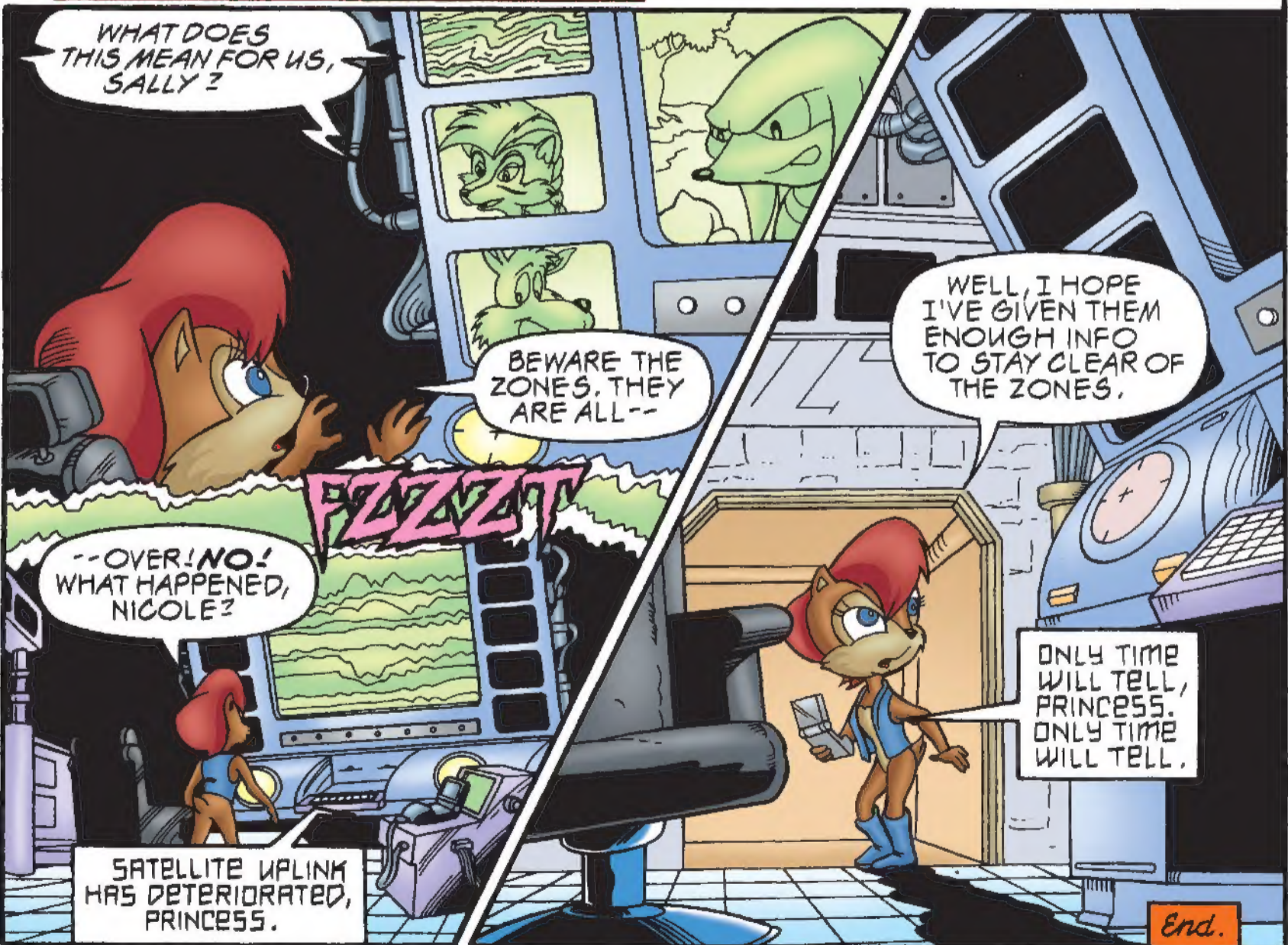
"BUT IT ALSO OPENED A SERIES OF WHAT OUR SCIENTISTS ARE CALLING ZONES OR..."



"...ALTERNATE REALITIES IN RANDOM APPEARANCES AROUND THE PLANET! SONIC FELL INTO ONE BY A CAVE TODAY THAT DISAPPEARED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.*"

"EVEN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE EXISTS IN A TEMPORAL ZONE THREE HOURS AHEAD. THE ONLY WAY IN AND OUT IS THROUGH THE GREAT OAK SLIDE."

*SEE MAIN STORY. --EDITOR.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US, SALLY?

BEWARE THE ZONES. THEY ARE ALL--

WELL, I HOPE I'VE GIVEN THEM ENOUGH INFO TO STAY CLEAR OF THE ZONES.

--OVER! NO! WHAT HAPPENED, NICOLE?

ONLY TIME WILL TELL, PRINCESS. ONLY TIME WILL TELL.

SATELLITE UPLINK HAS DETERIORATED, PRINCESS.

End.